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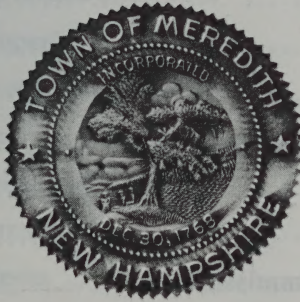


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1981

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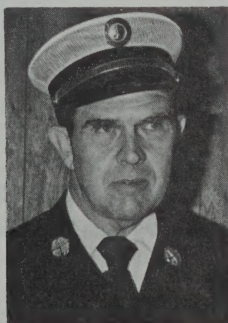
DEDICATION

This year's Town Report is dedicated to two people who contributed much to their community during their years of service.



Mary Devine Watts

Mary Devine Watts spent more than twelve years as a loyal and faithful employee prior to her retirement this past summer. Since 1969, Mary had served as Clerk to the Board of Selectmen and to six different Town Managers. For many years she also very capably handled personnel and welfare matters.



John W. Bryant

When Jack Bryant resigned as Meredith Fire Chief, effective on January 1, 1982, it was upon completion of more than 24 years service to the Town. Jack joined the Fire Department in 1957, rising to the rank of Captain in 1967. After serving in various other leadership capacities, he was appointed by the Selectmen as Fire Chief in June, 1977.

To Mary and Jack go our heartfelt thanks for a job well done and our best wishes for the future.

Town Officers

SELECTMEN

Harold G. Wyatt, 1982 (resigned 12-81)

Stephen H. Nedeau, 1983

Lawrence E. Swain, 1984

John W. Dever Jr. (appointed 12-81)

Town Manager

Town Engineer & Building Inspector

Moderator, 1982

Town Clerk, 1984

Deputy Town Clerk

Deputy Town Clerk

Treasurer, 1984

Deputy Treasurer

Deputy Treasurer

Health Officer

Deputy Health Officer

Deputy Health Officer

Tax Collector

Deputy Tax Collector

Finance & Personnel Officer

Assessor

Highway Supervisor

Water & Sewer Supervisor

Parks & Recreation Director

Dog Control Officer

Refuse Disposal Supervisor

Edward L. Schuette

John W. Cilley

Joseph D. Parkman

Pauline L. Fournier

Paula L. Jones

Sheila Vachon

Leland E. Brown

Bruce U. Sanderson

Christine I. Hayes

John W. Cilley

Kenneth Hill

Robert H. Fournier

Edward L. Schuette

Sheila Vachon

Joyce M. Bavis

Charles C. Vogler

Harold H. Sargent Jr.

Kenneth Hill

Thomas Howard

Willard R. Smith

Mark Haynes

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Marshall French

George S. Lamprey

Earle D. Hardy

POLICE DEPARTMENT

John P. Curran, Chief

Bonnie Calzada, Administrative Asst.

Donald E. Belyea, Patrolman

Alan J. Soucy, Lieutenant

Bradley Rushton, Patrolman

Paul Dillon, Detective Sergeant

Louis G. Brunelle, Patrolman

John Egan, Patrolman

FIRE DEPARTMENT

John W. Bryant Jr., Chief (resigned 12-81)

Fred E. Copp, 1st Asst. Chief (Chief appt. 12-81)

Ellsworth W. Cotton, 2nd Asst. Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Roy E. Howe

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

John W. Dever Jr. (resigned 11-81)

Milton Estabrook III (appt. 11-81)

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS COMMISSION

Robert J. Dever, 1983, Chairman

Mark Gallagher, 1982 (resigned 5-81) William J. Lamper, 1982 (resigned 7-81)

Nathan J. Torr, 1982 (appt. 5-81)

Terry Berry, 1982 (appt. 7-81)

Dorothy Hartson, 1983

Ellen Nash, 1984 (appt. 12-81)

Scott Vittner (resigned 10-81)

1981 TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Clyde C. Brown, 1984

Henry H. Stark, 1983

Normand E. Valliere, 1982

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Lydia M. Torr, 1986, Chairman

Gilda Keenan, 1984

Evamarie Olsen, 1982

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lydia Torr, Librarian

Jane Finleon, 1984, Secretary

Rachel Parkman, 1983

Linda McLearn, 1984

Eileen J. Harris, 1982

Ruth Neidhardt, 1983

Evamarie Olsen, 1982

PLANNING BOARD

Edward F. Varney, 1985, Chairman

John W. Dever Jr. 1985, Vice Chairman Ivor S. Thomas, 1982 (resigned 6-81)

Gary S. Fletcher, 1984

Anthony Creonte, 1982 (appt. 6-81)

Lynn Smith, 1983, Secretary

Beverly Bacon, 1986

Alternates: John Farrington, Walter Mitchell, Marilyn Plummer

Clerk: Marilyn Plummer

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Harry F. Wood III, 1983, Chairman

Donald Fisksen, 1982

Edward J. McLearn, 1985

Jonathan D. James, 1984

Geoffrey Cunningham, 1986

Alternates: Pauline Fournier, John Tappan, Ellen Soucy,

Michael McCutcheon, Delancey Nicol III

Clerk: Marilyn Plummer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Edwin S. Moulton, 1982, Chairman

Gilda Keenan, 1982
John Thompson, 1982
Harold L. Pierson, 1983

Evamarie Olsen, 1984
Frances Eames, 1984
Charles Woodman, 1983

REPRESENTATIVES LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION
Warner M. Plummer, 1984
John W. Dever Jr., 1985

AUDITORS
Killion, Plodzick and Sanderson, Concord, N.H.

EARLY MEREDITH

The original deed description from 1748 for Meredith: "Beginning at a hemlock tree, by the great bay of the Winnepeseog River, which is the northeasterly corner bounds of that tract of land, granted to John Sanborn, and others, and which lies adjoining to the land hereby granted, and runs from said tree northwesterly six miles to a beech tree, marked, which is the northwesterly corner bounds of said tract of land, then running fifty-five degrees east, about seven miles, to a white oak tree, by the side of Winnepiseog Pond, marked on four sides, then running southeasterly by the side of said pond to the river aforesaid, then on said run to the Great Bay, to the hemlock first mentioned."

MEETINGS OF TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

MONDAY:	Board of Selectmen — 7:00 p.m., Every Monday, Harold G. Wyatt Meeting Room, Municipal Building Lakes Region Planning Commission — 7:30 p.m. Fourth Monday, Humiston Building
TUESDAY:	Library Trustees — 7:30 p.m., Second Tuesday, Library Planning Board — 7:00 p.m., Second and Fourth Tuesday, Municipal Building Public Health Nursing Association — 10:00 a.m, Third Tuesday, Congregational Church.
WEDNESDAY:	Parks and Playgrounds Commission — 7:00 p.m., Second and Fourth Wednesday, Prescott Park.
THURSDAY:	Conservation Commission — 7:30 p.m., First Thursday, Municipal Building Board of Adjustment — 7:30 p.m., Third Thursday, Municipal Building.

OFFICE HOURS

Meredith Public Library	Tuesday & Wednesday — 9:00 am-7:00 pm Thursday & Friday — 9:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday — 9:00 am-12:00 noon CLOSED MONDAY
Assessor's Office	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Town Manager	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Tax Collector	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Town Clerk	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Building Inspector	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Health Officer	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Town Engineer	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Planning and Zoning Board	Monday thru Friday — 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Recreational Director	Monday thru Friday — 9:00 am-5:00 pm Municipal Building Prescott Park - During Scheduled Activities
Public Health Nurse (Office)	Monday thru Friday — 9:00 am-12:00 noon and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Registered Nurse	Monday thru Friday — 9:00 am-10:00 am; 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Refuse Disposal Facility	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday— 9:00 am-4:00 pm Saturday — 8:00 am-4:00 pm Sunday — 10:00 am-3:00 pm CLOSED WEDNESDAYS & HOLIDAYS

Report of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager for 1981

Although the cast of characters changed, Town Hall activities continued at a brisk pace during 1981.

The first personnel changes began to take place in January when Robert Cram was hired to fill a vacancy in the Police patrol section. The vacancy was created when Bonnie Calzada was promoted to Chief Dispatcher. Stan Maciejewski resigned from the Police force in May in order to travel and to consider employment opportunities outside the field of law enforcement. He was replaced by Brad Rushton in June. Also in May, Harold Wyatt was replaced on the Conservation Commission by Mrs. Frances Eames; Nathan Torr replaced Mark Gallagher on the Parks and Playgrounds Commission, and Beverly Bacon was appointed to a five year term on the Planning Board. That same month Joyce Bavis, former office manager for the Town of Ashland, was hired to fill the vacancy created in the Finance Office position by the resignation of Christine Hayes. Chris, a Meredith Town employee since 1971, resigned from her position at the Town office to accept a job with a New Hampshire firm in computer software programming.

Because of increasing personal obligations, Ivor Thomas resigned from the Planning Board. His unexpired term was filled when Anthony Creonte was appointed in June.

Earlier in the year, at Town Meeting Lawrence E. Swain was elected Selectman, handily defeating four other candidates. He replaced Norman I. Baker who did not choose to run for another three year term.

Shortly after Town Meeting candidates were interviewed to fill the vacancy created in December by the resignation of Town Engineer David Hanlon. Dave accepted a position with the County Government in Portland, Oregon. A review committee narrowed the field of candidates down to five; interviews were conducted and, as a result, John W. Cilley of Penacook was hired. John is a registered professional engineer with particular expertise in civil, structural and highway engineering, all areas relevant to the problems of municipalities.

In April John W. Dever succeeded George Hawkins as a member of the Board of the Lakes Region Planning Commission for a five year term.

During the Summer, Mary Devine, clerk to the Board of Selectmen since 1969 and Executive Secretary to six Town Managers, retired. Mary

was also serving the Town as purchasing agent, welfare administrator and editor of the Town Report. Her position was not filled, but her duties were re-assigned partially to both Joyce Bavis and Carol Davis. Carol had been hired a short time before Mrs. Devine's resignation to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Nathaniel Spread.

Openings on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Board of Selectmen made front page news in the latter part of the year. In October Geoffrey Cunningham accepted a five year appointment to the Zoning Board as a regular member and Delancey Nicoll III succeeded him as an alternate member. Harold Wyatt, in his sixth year as a member of the Board of Selectmen, resigned because of health reasons. Following interviews with seven different individuals who had expressed interest in completing the unexpired portion of Harold's term, John Dever Jr. was appointed by the Selectmen.

Citing personal reasons, after more than 24 years in the Meredith Fire Department, Chief John W. Bryant Jr. resigned effective January 1, 1982. Upon Chief Bryant's recommendation, Frederic Copp, also a long-term member of the Department and First Assistant Fire Chief, was appointed by the Selectmen as the new Fire Chief. Chief Bryant had held his position for more than four years, and prior to that had served as an Assistant Fire Chief since 1971.

Earlier in the year, during the month of March, the end of an era was marked in the annals of the Meredith Fire Department when Sedley Bartlett resigned his position as clerk and retired from active membership in the Department after 47 years of service. Sedley had served as clerk of the Department for thirty-five years. His last official act was to nominate and see Robert Bennett elected as his successor. That same week, Bradbury E. Sprague ("Cousin Brad to his many friends) retired from the Fire Department after almost 40 years of service. Like his father before him, Brad served the Department well, rising through the ranks to Captain. His father had earlier served as Fire Chief for about fifteen years.

Insofar as personnel changes are concerned, 1981 came to a close with the appointment of Louis Brunelle as a Patrolman with the Meredith Police. Louis was hired to fill the vacancy created by the October resignation of Robert Cram for personal reasons.

We want to thank all of the ladies and gentlemen for their year of dedicated service to their community.

Perhaps equally as newsworthy as personnel changes were some of the

decisions made by the voters at Town Meeting. In addition to the election of a new Selectman, a number of Special Warrant Articles of particular interest were considered, not the least of which were alternative proposals for financing of a complete revaluation of all taxable property in the Town. The voters chose to turn down Article 20 which would have financed the necessary \$92,900 through the issuance of Bonds and Notes. They chose to approve Article 21 which would raise and appropriate the entire amount in the 1981 Budget.

Funds were appropriated to help fund an erosion control project at Leavitt Park. The Town's expenditure of \$5,000 was to be matched by federal funds through the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

The Revaluation Program commenced in early May in accordance with a contractual arrangement with the United Appraisal Company, a Division of Cole-Layer-Trumble Company of East Hartford, Connecticut. Periodic assessments by Town Assessor Charles Vogler indicated that by the end of the year the revaluation program was proceeding well and was ahead of schedule.

The Leavitt Park Erosion Control Project was begun in the Summer and was completed around November 1. Although there are some further improvements needed at the new parking lot, the erosion control problem has been satisfactorily completed.

Thanks to a gift of land from Mr. Stephen Childs, the original 100'x100' playground at Meredith Center was replaced in the Spring and Summer with a new park in the same location covering three-quarters of an acre. A considerable amount of work was completed at the site and the Parks and Playgrounds Commission hopes to make further improvements and acquire additional equipment in future years.

The bulk of this report has dealt primarily with changes in personnel in the Town's many Departments, Boards, Committees and Commissions. In closing we want to reiterate our thanks to those who have served in some volunteer capacity. We want to honor them for their commitment in helping to see that our Town operates in an orderly and productive manner.

With a touch of nostalgia many of us will especially hate to see Harold Wyatt leave the municipal scene. Harold was first employed by the Town of Meredith in 1927. Since that time in either a part- or full-time basis he has served in countless capacities on various community activities. Not only has he served as our highway superintendent, but among his other accomplishments he can be proud in his involvement with the Planning

Board and Conservation Commission in addition to his almost six years service as a Selectman. Our wishes are for success, good health and happiness to both him and his wife, Esther.

We have held many meetings and have spent many hours over the past year discussing and analyzing the problems of our Town in an attempt to give you, the taxpayer, the most for your tax dollar. Our Town has been growing progressively over the years and all indications are that this growth will continue. As it does, the demand for more services will also continue, particularly in our highway department. That is why this year we are seeking the funding of new equipment which we feel are required and badly needed if we are to be able to continue to provide the minimum level of service demanded by the townspeople.

In closing we wish to thank all of you for your support during 1981. Only through your continued support can we keep our Town of Meredith a Town of which we can be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen H. Nedeau, Chairman
Lawrence E. Swain
John W. Dever Jr.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Edward L. Schuette
TOWN MANAGER

EARLY MEREDITH

Before 1748 Meredith was known as Palmer's Town or Palmerstown after Samuel Palmer a surveyor from Hampton. Palmer was responsible for laying out much of the land around Lake Winnepesaukee. He was also one of the original proprietors.

Record of Annual Town Meeting

March 10, 1981

The annual Town Meeting of Meredith was held at St. Charles Auditorium, Route 3, in said Town of Meredith on March 10, 1981. The polls were opened at 9:00 AM for the purpose of casting ballots. Mr. Joseph Parkman, the presiding moderator gave the invocation.

Total on checklist	3241
Total ballots cast	1075
(42 were absentee)	

Selectman for one year, vote for one

Beverly M. Buker	40
Barbara N. Cram	123
Warner M. Plummer	248
Lawrence E. Swain	460
Henry V. Voudren	184

Trustee of Trust Funds, vote for one

Clyde C. Brown	960
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Town Clerk for three years, vote for one

Pauline L. Fournier	818
Sheila Copp Vachon	238

Library Trustee for three years, vote for two

Jane W. Finleon	778
Linda McLear	682

Town Treasurer for three years, vote for one

Leland E. Brown	948
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ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of a three-man Board of Assessors to be the legal assessing authority for the Town?

Yes 438

No 578

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Town Zoning

Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with Earth Excavation Regulations as discussed at Public Hearings held Jan. 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981; the purpose of said amendment is to comply with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 155-E?

Yes 578

No 286

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board requiring a setback of 125 feet as the minimum distance between a leach field and water bodies as discussed at Public Hearing held January 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981; the purpose of said amendment is to protect water bodies from pollution?

Yes 644

No 221

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with Roadside Stands as discussed at Public Hearings held January 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981; the purpose of said amendment to further define a permitted use?

Yes 557

No 331

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with Non-Conforming Uses as discussed at Public Hearings January 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981; the purpose of said amendment is to define the conditions under which they can be continued?

Yes 718

No 317

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with inhabiting Recreational Vehicles as discussed at Public Hearings held January 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981; the purpose of said amendment is to establish criteria?

Yes 556

No 307

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with adding Definitions as discussed at Public Hearing held January 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981; the purpose of said amendment is to provide specific definitions for terms and references contained in the Zoning Ordinance?

Yes 633

No 231

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with making all terminology consistent within the Ordinance as discussed at Public Hearings held January 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981; said amendment creates consistent terminology throughout the Zoning Ordinance?

Yes 651

No 198

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the Adoption of Amendment No. 8 to the Town Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Planning Board having to do with re-numbering Articles and sub-paragraphs as necessary within the Ordinance as discussed at Public Hearings held January 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981; said amendment provides better organization of the Zoning Ordinance?

Yes 574

No 195

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by petition of the voters of this town having to do with changing the Interlakes Mobile Home Park property from Forestry and Rural Zone to the Commercial Zone as discussed at Public Hearings held January 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981? (Not recommended by the Planning Board.)

Yes 197

No 772

ARTICLE 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by petition of the voters for this town having

to do with Mobile Homes as discussed at Public Hearings held January 8, 1981 and February 3, 1981; said amendment would require that building permits be issued under certain stated conditions and restrictions and would allow mobile homes to be placed in certain zones within the Town? (Not recommended by the Planning Board.)

Yes 392

No 635

The polls were closed at 7:00 PM. About 5:45 the last of the regular ballots were used. The remainder of absentee ballots were used. The voters who had voted by absentee had been counted and put into the ballot boxes at this time.

The counting of the ballots was completed at 10:00 PM and the Moderator declared the following as elected:

Selectman - Lawrence E. Swain, three years
Town Clerk - Pauline L. Fournier, three years
Trustee of Trust Funds - Clyde C. Brown, three years
Town Treasurer - Leland E. Brown, three years
Library Trustee - Jane W. Finleon, three years
Library Trustee - Linda McLear, three years

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Wednesday, March 11, 1981

The deliberative session was opened at 7:30 PM at the Robert Pottle Memorial Auditorium at Inter-Lakes High School, Route 25, Meredith, N.H. Moderator Joseph Parkman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

The voters had been checked into a roped area using the registered voter checklist.

Mr. Parkman gave the results of the previous day's balloting. The following directions were given to the assembly.

Registered voters sitting in the designated area received ballot registration cards. Cards, not hands, will be counted on the votes taken from the floor. A challenge of a vote must be made at the time of the vote on that particular article. Speak only to the issue, use the microphone, give name and direct question to the moderator. Do not engage in discussion with another person. Use proper conduct and language at all times.

A question was raised if secret ballots could be all requested at one time. Mr. Parkman explained that each article would have to be petitioned separately by 5 voters prior to a vote taken. The secret ballot would be taken and counted before proceeding to the next article. The procedure for taking the secret ballot would be to go to the front ballot clerks, have your ballot card punched and numbered with the article number, receive a ballot and then deposit into the ballot box.

Seated on the stage were Selectmen Norman I. Baker, Harold Wyatt, Stephen Nedeau, Town Manager Edward Schuette, Town Counsel Walter Mitchell and Town Clerk Pauline Fournier.

ARTICLE 14

By motion of Mr. Baker, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Nedeau to see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes such sums as are necessary for the operation of the town and to set the rates, effect the issuance of notes; and to otherwise negotiate for the sale of notes to be paid within the present fiscal year.

Mr. Baker explained that this article gives the Board of Selectmen authorization necessary to allow them to issue tax anticipation notes; the funds are used to operate the Town throughout the year; notes are repaid in December when property taxes are paid. The tax impact is 0.

There was no discussion and no questions.

Article approved as read by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 15

By motion of Mr. Nedeau, it was moved and seconded by Mr. Baker to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,763,154.89 for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the forthcoming year.

Mr. Nedeau stated of this figure, \$148,165 is water and sewer which will not impact the tax rate because both are self-supporting. We are required to include this figure by the Department of Revenue Administration, the actual operating budget is \$1,614,989.89. The tax impact is \$14.30. The net amount to be raised through taxation is estimated to be \$986,268.89.

Mr. Schuette gave the highlights of the budget: the figure of \$1,763,154.89 includes \$99,995 for the water department and \$66,500 for the sewer department. Users fees are charged to offset these expenses. Another area

is that of Town Road Aid. Here \$45,769 is appropriated. These funds are used to improve the Town highways under the direction of the State Department of Public Works and Highways.

Cost of living increase: an 8 percent cost of living increase was approved by the Board of Selectmen for all Town Employees in 1981. This increase is considerably below the overall cost of living for the past year, and is considered to be within an acceptable range.

Town Office Expense: \$145,088 represents the cost of the operation contained within the Municipal Building, this is a 9.8 percent increase over last year.

Insurance: This account contains the cost of the various insurance coverage required by the town. Except in the area of safety, this is an item over which we have no control since premiums are dictated by the carriers, subject to review by the State. These insurances cover Workmen's Compensation, fleet, general liability, equipment, and buildings and contents, etc. This year's approximate 2 percent reduction is due to an excellent accident and injury record within all Town Departments. Inasmuch as I've tried to explain a majority of the line items in the "Our Town" columns over the past few weeks, I will not go into further explanations, but either I, the Selectmen, or members of my Staff will try to answer any questions you may have.

I want to close by indicating that the Town, because of its nature of operations, continues to be highly vulnerable to price increases in any area where petroleum-based products are concerned; to plow snow our vehicles need gas, and to fix roads, we need bituminous asphalt or some other type of petroleum-based material. During the past year, gasoline has increased in price almost 17 percent. It is a fact that New England's costs in the area of fuel oil, gas and petroleum-based products are normally higher than those of most other sections of the country, so these figures are probably conservative. As I pointed out earlier, asphalt is a petroleum-based product, so we can also anticipate substantial increases in the cost of this raw material. For your information, for the nation as a whole, highway costs increased more than 336 percent between 1967 and 1980, and this percentage is increasing continuously. Finally, since there was some concern voiced last year about salaries of various Town employees, a list is available.

There was some discussion on the large increase of 15.6 percent in the police budget. Mr. Robert Konchack questioned the amount of gas used and wondered if the amount of patrolling had a direct relationship to the number of arrests. Chief Curran explained that most of the arrests are in fact due to

patrol. Much of the mileage is Court mandated, transportation of criminals and juvenile care.

No further questions or discussion.

Article approved as read by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 16

By motion of Harold Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Schuette to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Manager to apply for, negotiate, and do all other things necessary to obtain such State and-or Federal funds that may become available throughout the year and expend same.

Mr. Wyatt stated that the article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to apply for various funds, it is a routine motion and RSA 31:95B provides that any such monies shall:

- 1) be used only for legal purposes for which a town may appropriate money;
- 2) require the selectmen to hold a prior public hearing on the action to be taken;
- 3) not require the expenditure of other Town Funds;
- 4) be exempt from all provisions of RSA 32 relative to limitation and expenditures of town monies.

Tax Impact: 0

No questions and no discussion.

Approved as read by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 17

By motion of Harold Wyatt it was moved and duly seconded by Norman Baker to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and transfer title to all real estate taken by the Town in default of redemption from any tax sale to such person and upon such conditions as they shall see fit.

Mr. Wyatt explained that this article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to sell property acquired by Tax Collector's deed as they deem most appropriate manner, usually abutting land owners to make larger lots. This is a routine motion.

No questions and no discussion.

Passed as read in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 18

By motion of Harold Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Schuette to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and transfer title to tax map parcels S-19-52 and S-19-53, Happy Home Development, taken by tax collector's deed under terms and conditions the Selectmen see fit.

Mr. Wyatt stated that this Article is similar in nature to Article 17 but deals with a specific piece of property. The lots were taken as security bonds for roads. Tax impact is zero.

No questions and no discussions.

Article approved as read by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 19

By motion of Harold Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to transfer Title to tax map parcels S-26-83 and S-26-85, Winona Forest, currently held as bond for completion of roads in Winona Forest in compliance with local standards, to Winona Forest Association under terms and conditions the Selectmen see fit.

Mr. Harold Wyatt made an amendment to amend article to read "at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen and not necessarily to the Winona Forest Association with money used to build roads. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Baker.

Questions from the floor were concerned with why the Town had these lots and why not sell to the Winona Forest Assn. Mr. Baker explained that they were taken as bonds until roads were brought up to specifications which have not been complied with. Mr. Baker said land would not be taken as security on road construction in the future.

No questions and no discussions.

Article was approved as amended by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 20

By motion of Norman Baker, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Schuette to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-two thousand nine hundred (\$92,900) dollars for the purpose of

performing a complete revaluation of all taxable property in the Town, such sum to be raised thru the issuance of bonds and notes under the provisions of chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes Annotated as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the rate of interest thereon and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Meredith. (passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds of voters present and voting)

Mr. Baker gave a summary and history of this article. This article is not to determine if there will be a revaluation but one method of paying to have it completed. In March of 1980 at the Town Meeting, an article for revaluation was voted down. Upon petition of some voters in the town, a request was made to the State for revaluation. The Board of Taxation upon investigation felt reassessment was necessary for the Town of Meredith. This was all completed according to the Revised Statutes Annotated. By order of the State, the revaluation was to be effective April 1, 1981 but the Selectmen requested an extension until April 1982. We estimate the interest costs to borrow over a three-year period to be about \$14,000. The effect on the tax rate will be zero for 1981 but about 47 cents per \$1000 for 1982, 1983 and 1984. This is based on current valuation. In 1979 the Town Meeting authorized the Selectmen to negotiate a contract for revaluation. The Selectmen talked with several concerns and selected United Appraisal with a bid of \$86,500 pending approval of the Town at the 1980 Town Meeting. It was voted down. The Selectmen renegotiated with United Appraisal after the State Mandate for revaluation. This is a fixed price, not a cost plus contract. If both articles 20 and 21 are voted down, then the State will come and negotiate with an outside concern at a cost of over \$100,000. The figure of \$92,900 is the lowest figure that the Selectmen could negotiate and this is with United Appraisal.

The questions from the floor concerning the bid and the increase of 47 cents were again explained by Mr. Baker.

General Roy Attebury spoke against the article.

It was explained that if the State did the revaluation it would deduct the money from the funds that they normally send to the Town.

A vote was taken. A two-thirds vote is necessary for passage.

Yes 191

No 102

This was not two thirds in favor of the motion so Moderator Parkman declared the article defeated.

Mr. Levy challenged the vote, stating a man had voted twice, once for and once against the article.

Because of the confusion counting cards and by division vote, the Moderator called for a secret ballot.

Yes 194

No 111

Mr. Parkman declared the article defeated by secret ballot because it was not two-thirds affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 21

By motion of Mr. Baker, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Schuette to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred (92,900) Dollars for the purpose of performing a complete revaluation of all taxable property in the Town.

Mr. Baker reviewed all the data on revaluation and the funding. This article needs only a majority vote. It would be paid out of the General Fund on monies borrowed in anticipation of taxes. The tax impact would be \$1.35.

The motion was carried in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 22

By motion of Mr. Levy, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Voudren to see whether the Town will vote that revaluation shall be made by the contract method under competitive bidding, and shall not be performed on the basis of a cost-plus contract, so called, and that all awards under competitive bidding shall be to the lowest responsible bidder, reserving, however, to the Selectmen the right to reject any and all bids or to negotiate with the lowest, or if applicable, the sole responsible bidder. (by Petition)

Mr. French questioned whether this article was necessary? Mr. Baker said they already had the lowest bid as explained in Article 20. Any rebid would be higher.

Mr. Levy withdrew his motion as did Mr. Voudren who had seconded it.

The article was tabled, no action taken.

ARTICLE 23

By motion of Mr. Schuette, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr.

Nedeau to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (20,000) Dollars from the General Revenue Sharing Fund for the purpose of lease-purchase and conversion costs of a computer.

Mr. Schuette explained that our present system is being used to its maximum capability for financial management as well as property taxes, resident taxes and the voter checklist. However the small internal memory, slow speed and sequential nature of this ledger card-cassette system make it incapable of meeting the current and future needs of the Town because:

1. The State Department of Revenue Administration has undertaken a study of municipal finance procedures with the objective of establishing new and more standards. Our auditors are on the advisory committee and are keeping us abreast of the recommended changes. Although it now appears that it will be at least 1982 before the requirements are set forth, it is almost a certainty that a town the size of Meredith with a \$2 million plus warrant will be required to go to a full general ledger system (double entry), we are presently able to maintain a modified accrual set of books, but it would not be practical from a time-labor-cost standpoint to try to meet the anticipated new requirements on our existing machine.

2. The procedure for updating property, resident and checklist cassettes is tedious and time consuming since all entries must be done sequentially. A single change requires the reaccomplishment of an entire cassette.

3. The present system does not allow for the real-time operation without the use of many manual card files and cross references, and has no capability for searching and correlating information in the data base. In this sense, it is merely a bookkeeping machine with an addressograph capability. It is not a computer in the conventional sense.

Going to the proposed random access disk based computer system would be advantageous for many reasons.

- A. General Ledger capability: programming would correspond to the anticipated format of the new DRA regulations.

- B. Property taxes would be maintained in a far more efficient manner. Changes in ownership and valuation could be made immediately, with option to recall previous data on any parcel or tax-payer. This machine would enable the assessor to recall sales information so all appraisals could be based on the latest market sales.

- C. Posting all warrants would be done on a daily basis and current balances would be carried at all times.

- D. A common data base would be provided so that all records (water, sewer, property and resident) would be done with one clerical input.

- E. All ledger cards would be eliminated and the accounting data would

be retained in computer memory and available for instant review at any time on one of the remote terminals. (Most of the maintenance problems with the L9000 system have been with the mechanical parts which handle the ledger cards, not electronics.

F. A modern random access computer system should markedly improve efficiency in both the tax collection and assessing functions. Although no immediate manpower reductions are anticipated, as the system is made fully operational, manpower reductions would be possible through normal attrition.

The tax impact would be zero, revenue sharing.

There was considerable discussion from the floor. Marshall French, Dr. Vazifdar and Chuck Thorndike spoke against the article. The feeling was that the cost of this type of equipment would be going down as computers improved. Because of the tight money, it was felt that it would be better to wait.

Mr. French said he did not feel that the Revenue Administration would be making changes at this time and there is going to be a big loss of State Revenue and revenue sharing funds should be used to lower taxes.

Mrs. Christine Hayes spoke in favor of the article. She explained that the work load is increasing and this computer would handle many more types of jobs in the running of the Town Office business.

Mr. Kershaw questioned the lease-purchase agreement and method of buying. Mrs. Hayes explained the cost of the computer is \$53,300 including programming and conversion. After the initial cost of \$20,000 from Revenue Sharing, there would be an additional cost of \$14,800 for 4 years which could also come from Revenue Sharing.

Mr. Mullins said he felt that over \$76,000 should not be spent at this time.

Mr. Thorndike agreed but did say that in the future the Town would have to purchase equipment at a substantial amount and should keep this in mind.

Lynn Smith made a motion to table the article. Mr. Thorndike seconded the motion.

Voice vote approved to table the article.

ARTICLE 24

By motion of Mr. Nedeau, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Baker

to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty-one thousand (21,000) dollars from the General Revenue Sharing Fund for the purposes of paying Meredith's share of the Winnepesaukee River Basin capital costs.

Mr. Nedeau explained that this article authorizes the Selectmen to spend \$21,000 for the Town's share of the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project. The tax impact would be zero.

Peg Bertholet questioned the receipt of federal funds for this project.

Mr. Warner Plummer stated that the state had no plans to stop this project and the funds were in Concord at this time.

Mr. Marshall French said this is the only project of its kind and it would be completed.

Mr. Baker explained that this is not a one year involvement but over 20 years.

No further questions or discussion.

Passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 25

By motion of Harold Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Nedeau to see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand (11,000) Dollars from the General Revenue Sharing Fund for the purposes of purchasing one three-quarter ton truck for the highway department.

Mr. Wyatt explained that this is to replace a worn out truck. There would be no tax impact.

There was some discussion that the truck should be purchased in the Town of Meredith. Others stated that all bids for any equipment should be on a competitive basis.

No further questions or discussion.

Approved as read by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 26

By motion of Norman Baker, it was moved and duly seconded by Harold

Wyatt to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (20,000) Dollars from the General Sharing Fund for the purpose of purchasing one skid loader for the refuse facility.

Mr. Baker said that the present loader was on its second engine and was getting very expensive to service and run. It is 5 years old and is the heart of the operation. The old loader will not be turned in but kept as back up.

No questions or discussions.

Article was passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 27

Article 27 which was to expend \$20,000 for a generator for the water department was withdrawn because it was not necessary at this time. Another generator has been located.

ARTICLE 28

By motion of Donna Hartson, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Voudren to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.) Dollars from the General Revenue Sharing Fund towards the purchase of a fire alarm system for the Day Care Center. (at the request of the Day Care Center)

Mrs. Hartson said the \$1000 was a portion of the money necessary. Each town has been requested to vote monies for this system. Meredith has 75 percent of the children in the Day Care Center.

Mr. Storer questioned whether this was a private concern and if it was the Town should not be paying for their fire alarm. He had heard that the Day Care Center rates were high and people could not afford them.

Donna Hartson said that the Center received public and private funds, also state and federal funds. The rates have increased because of funding difficulties.

Mr. French questioned the disposition of this money if the total amount could not be raised from the other towns.

Mrs. Hartson said that the system had already been installed because they would have lost their accreditation. The money could not be used for any other purpose.

No further questions or discussion.

Motion approved in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 29

By motion of Mr. Nedeau, it was moved and duly seconded by Harold Wyatt to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$8300) from the General Revenue Sharing Fund for the purpose of purchasing one fully equipped police cruiser.

Mr. Nedeau explained that it was to replace a present cruiser with 111,000 miles. It is a 1977 Ford.

There was considerable discussion on purchasing a smaller size cruiser. It is not necessary to have a high-speed chase vehicle nor to have air-conditioning and all the fancy options. Chief Curran said a smaller car would be fine for shuttle service but not for a patrolling vehicle. The Chief said because of the various people using the car that some of the options were necessary. The cruiser has hard use 24 hours a day. Harry Welch suggested the possibility of a Checker cab vehicle. Dr. Jay Vazifdar suggested re-conditioning.

Mr. Chatterton said for the safety of the force, they should have good equipment.

Chief Curran explained to the floor that a fully equipped cruiser would be made with heavy duty equipment, shocks, springs, etc.

There was more discussion in favor of smaller, more efficient cars being purchased.

The Moderator called for a vote.

Passed in the affirmative on the motion by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 30

By motion of Mr. Norman Baker, it was moved and duly seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$3500) Dollars to help defray the cost of a study of the feasibility of conventional ground-water and-or so-called fractured bedrock water supplies within the Town of Meredith.

Mr. Baker explained that two years ago the Federal Government

mandated the Town to bring its water supply up to portable use. We presently meet minimum standards. A previous Town Meeting (1978) had voted for a filtration water study at a cost of \$1.9 million. Then a possibility of a superchlorination system, but was turned down by the State. There is a new approach of using fractured rock wells. Companies have been contacted to present the Town with the possibility of using driven or deep wells. It could save the Town thousands of dollars. This article would allow the Selectmen to contract for a feasibility study. The tax impact is .05 cents.

No questions and no discussion.

Passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 31

By motion of Mr. Nedeau, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Wyatt to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing one base station radio for the police department.

Mr. Nedeau said that this article authorizes the Selectmen to spend \$7,500 to purchase a new base radio to replace one that is currently in operation that is 10 years old. The existing base station is an antiquated tube type for which replacement parts are difficult to get and the maintenance costs are expensive. Electrical storms have knocked the radio out completely. The old radio will be removed to the Highway garage for a back-up unit.

There was much discussion on using Revenue Sharing Funds for the purchase of this radio and the legality of using Revenue Sharing for purchases without a public hearing. This discussion was pro and con concerning the use of these funds and what the consequences would be if they were not available.

Mr. Warner Plummer made a motion to amend the article to read "to apply Revenue Sharing Funds to the purchase of the base radio and to follow the proper procedures with public hearing etc. to make this legal." This motion was seconded.

There was some further discussion and Mr. Voudren made a motion to move the question. It was seconded.

Amendment was approved. No further discussion or questions.

Article was approved as amended by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 32

It was moved by motion of Harold Wyatt, and seconded by Norman Baker to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars for the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund as authorized by the Revised Statutes Annotated 35:1 and 35:18.

Mr. Wyatt explained this is an annual appropriation and the fund is built up in anticipation of future needs of the Highway Department. It is an attempt to recognize the cost of large replacement items and to avoid dramatic impacts on the tax rate. The tax impact for this article is .22 cents.

Mrs. Peg Bertholet wanted to know why we had appropriated \$11,000 for a truck in a previous article.

Mr. Baker explained we now have \$24,800 in this fund and are adding this \$15,000 for the purpose of an expensive equipment or major expenditure.

No further questions or discussion.

Article passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 33

By motion of Mr. Baker, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Nedeau to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve Fund as authorized by RSA 35:1 and 35:18.

Mr. Baker said that this fund already has \$54,000. The Fire Department has a piece of equipment that is 25 years old. This affects our insurance rates. The new truck that the Fire Department needs costs about \$90,000. It would be 18 months before delivery. This philosophy is the same as that with Highway Department, essentially an effort to avoid a major one-year tax increase. The tax impact would be .29 cents.

No questions and no discussions.

Article passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 34

It was moved by Mr. Schuette and duly seconded by Mr. Wyatt to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand

(\$8,000) Dollars for a Refuse Disposal Capital Reserve Fund as authorized by RSA 35:1, 35:18 and to authorize the Selectmen to expend such amounts as may be necessary in major repairs as required.

Mr. Schuette explained that the amount is an increase of \$2000 over the 1980 appropriation. It is an effort on the part of the Board to recognize capital maintenance expenses and to be prepared to address them. Tax impact is 11 cents.

Mr. Baker addressed the assembly on the fact that Mr. Mark Haynes who runs the disposal facility has done an excellent job. Mr. Haynes has run the facility on less money this year than on the previous year. He has used town employees to make major repairs. His effort is excellent. This shows that costs are not always excessive and that a good job is done by the Town Employees.

No questions or discussions.

Passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 35

By motion of Mr. Baker, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Wyatt to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1000) Dollars for the improvement of Meredith Neck Road under the State Aid Reconstruction Program provided the State of New Hampshire appropriates Two Thousand (\$2000) Dollars.

Mr. Baker explained that the Meredith Neck Road is a road that is owned jointly by the Town and the State. A request has been submitted to the State Highway Department to study if there are sufficient funds available for the State to do meaningful improvements on the Neck Road. If this article is voted, there will be \$48,000 available for reconstruction. The State said it would cost \$100,000 to do a meaningful job. As this is a two to one match program, this article is basically to keep the program alive. The tax impact is one cent.

No questions and no discussions.

Article passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 36

By motion of Mr. Nedeau, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Schuette to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to raise and

appropriate Nine Thousand Thirty Nine (\$9,039) Dollars for the completion of the Master Plan.

Mr. French wished to know the origin of the amount. Mr. Schuette explained that this was a bid price, one half was appropriated last year. Lakes Region Planning Commission is doing the Master Plan.

No questions and no discussion.

Approved by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 37

By motion of Scott Vittner, it was moved and duly seconded by Tom Howard to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000) Dollars for an erosion control project at Leavitt Park provided the Soil Conservation Service appropriates Nine Thousand (\$9000) Dollars. Tax impact is 7 cents. (by request of the Parks and Playground Department)

Tom Howard made the following presentation:

We have a serious erosion problem at Leavitt Beach. The problem is so serious that the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture has labeled it a "critical area," making our project the No. 1 priority of the SCS at this time. They have already approved our project and are ready to move.

The cause of the problem at Leavitt is a high water table, trapped surface water, and the flow of surface water across the beach. The effect is annual maintenance costs in excess of \$1000. At this rate our project would pay for itself within five years and then would only save us money. Another effect is the deposit of the eroded sand into the swimming area and making the area more shallow each year. This lowers the quality of the swimming, but more importantly, the shallow conditions force swimmers further and further from the shore and the lifeguards which drastically reduces the safety of the beach.

The effects of completing our project will be to eliminate annual eroding of the town beach area; to eliminate sedimentation into Lake Winnepesaukee; to eliminate the need for annual replacement of the beach sand; to improve the visual quality by eliminating the scars of erosion; and to improve the water quality by eliminating sedimentation into the lake.

Another point of interest: Because of the "critical area treatment"

nature of the project, the Town will not be required to open the Parks to general public as is the case in most projects involving Federal Funds.

We are not talking about “icing on the cake” or “frills,” we are talking about preserving a lake resource which is one of the finest municipal facilities in New Hampshire according to the State Office of Recreation Services.

Because the original application for this project was made in 1972 and has been on file with the Soil Conservation Service for eight years, this is probably the last opportunity we will get to make these necessary controls with Federal assistance.

This project is necessary and will pay for itself and even save us money in the long run.

No discussion and no questions.

The motion was passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 38

By motion of Mr. Wyatt, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Baker to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand (\$2000) Dollars to perform a centerline survey and plan of the road across property of the City Missionary Society (Camps Andover-Waldrone) to a subdivision road in the Dominic Subdivision off Black Brook Road.

Mr. Wyatt explained that the City Missionary Society will donate a 50 foot right of way thru their property for the purpose of building a road, provided a proposal is submitted to them as early as is feasible. The tax impact is three cents.

There was considerable discussion from the floor as to the location of the proposed road and where it would connect in the subdivision. Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Huckins were unable to visualize the changes and connection to Black Brook Road.

Mr. Wyatt said at the present time it was impossible to reach parts of Meredith without going thru another town.

Mr. Hardy, Mr. Plummer and Mr. Mitchell gave further explanations on the location and subdivision.

Mr. Parkman, the Moderator, called the question as it was impossible to resolve without maps.

No further questions or discussions.

Approved by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 39

It was moved by Dr. Vazifdar and duly seconded by Mr. Voudren to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand (12,000) Dollars for the purchase of necessary equipment for the Lakes Region General Hospital. (by request of the LR General Hospital)

There were no questions and no discussion.

Passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 40

By motion of Henry Voudren, it was moved and duly seconded by John Martin to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500) Dollars to help to support the Lakes Region Family Services. (by request of the Lakes Region Family Services)

Mr. John Martin spoke in favor of the article. The Family Services opened an office in June 1980 at the Congregational Church. Twenty-four families are receiving help at this time. Families in crisis use the service for parent-child problems, drug and alcohol problems. The families pay about 12 percent of the cost.

No discussion and no questions.

Motion passed in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 41

It was moved by Dr. Vazifdar and seconded by Henry Voudren to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six (\$5,956) Dollars for the continuation of services to low-income and elderly residents of Meredith thru the Meredith Area Center, Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. (by request of Community Action Program.)

Dr. Vazifdar spoke in favor of the article, saying it was important to

have such an organization in the Town to help the elderly.

No questions or discussions.

Motion passed in the affirmative by voice vote.

ARTICLE 42

By motion of Donna Hartson, it was moved and duly seconded by Roger Heilig to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five (\$6,895) Dollars to maintain and continue the system of services of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center. (by request of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center)

No discussion and no questions.

Article passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 43

By motion of Scott Brackett, it was moved and seconded by Meta Ohman to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine (\$1,659) Dollars and thirty six (36c) cents to the Lakes Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages, as well as preservation of the natural resources of the Town, in cooperation with other Towns in the Lakes Region. (by request of the Lakes Region Association)

Mr. Scott Brackett spoke in favor of the article. He stated that the Tourist Industry was a major source of income for the Town, State and contributed about 20 Million Dollars to the State coffers. It provides many jobs for the youth and unskilled laborers.

No questions and no discussions.

Article passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 44

By motion of George Hawkins, it was moved and duly seconded by Meta Ohman to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (2,500) Dollars toward the expenses of operating the information booth. (by request of the Chamber of Commerce)

Mr. Hawkins spoke in favor of the article. The information booth had

over 13,000 informational requests for 1980. Brochures were distributed by the Chamber of Commerce.

No questions and no discussion.

Article passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 45

By motion of Harry Welch, it was moved and seconded by Mr. Carson to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4000) Dollars for the purpose of establishing a Community Events account: Fourth of July Celebration \$2,500, Patriotic Ceremonies \$500, and Old Home Days \$1,000.

No questions and no discussion.

Article passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 46

By motion of Marshall French, it was moved and duly seconded by Mr. Voudren to see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law, New Hampshire RSA 32. (by petition)

Mr. French spoke in favor of the article. There would be a citizens' committee to serve with the Selectmen to research the budget and help to prepare the same. It would help to involve more of the townspeople. Other towns have the Budget Law and find that it works very well.

Mr. Baker spoke against the article. He stated that there were public hearings held on the budget with very little public participation. He did not feel that a budget committee would correct this situation. Mr. John Dever said that anyone could go to any meeting of the Selectmen and voice their opinion and that was a large budget committee.

No further discussion.

Defeated by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 47

Passed over because it was not necessary because of the defeat of the previous article.

ARTICLE 48

It was moved by Mr. Plummer and duly seconded by Scott Bracket to table this article concerning publication of minutes of all meetings and boards.

Motion approved to table article.

ARTICLE 49

It was moved by Henry Voudren and duly seconded by Mrs. Bertholet to see if the Town will vote to petition the representatives and senators who represent the Town in General Court to support in current session of the General Court, the concurrent resolution to amend the State Constitution to limit the annual increase in spending by the State or any city, town or other governmental unit of the State to five percent. (by petition)

Mr. Voudren spoke in favor of the article.

Mr. French, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Hardy all spoke against the article.

No discussion and no questions.

Motion was defeated by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 50

It was moved by Scott Vittner and duly seconded by Dorothy Hartson to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Hundred and Five (\$1605) Dollars for the purpose of skinning the infield on the baseball field at Prescott Park. (by request of the Parks and Recreation Department) Tax impact 2 cents.

The purpose is to upgrade the fields and increase the usage at the least cost to the Town.

No questions and no discussions.

The motion was passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 51

By motion of Scott Vittner, it was moved and duly seconded by Mark

Gallagher to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Nineteen (\$10,819) Dollars to purchase a 15-seat van to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department for the transportation of people and-or materials and for pulling trailers when necessary. (by request of the Parks and Recreation Department) Tax impact 16 cents.

Mr. Gallagher and Tom Howard spoke in favor of the article.

There was considerable discussion against the article because of the economy at the present time.

The article was defeated.

ARTICLE 52

It was moved by Mr. Voudren and duly seconded by Mr. Howard to see if the Town will vote to declare the Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area a Town Forest, with certain areas of the tract designated as recreation parcels and other areas set aside as historic areas. (by request of Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area Committee) No tax impact.

Mr. Wyatt explained that this would allow for the sale of forest products and the money used to develop the area.

No questions and no discussion.

Passed in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 53

By motion it was moved by Lynn Smith and duly seconded to see if the Town feels there is a need for the Selectmen and the Planning Board to appoint a committee for the purpose of examining the need for or the possibility of a community building, either an existing building or a new building, and determining the best possible location for same. (by request of the Planning Board)

Mr. Voudren made the motion to table the article. It was seconded by Mr. Stenberg.

Two voice votes were unable to determine the disposition of the article. Mr. Parkman called for a number count using the cards.

To Table: Yes 62 No 53

ARTICLE 54

It was moved by Mr. Ed Moulton and duly seconded by Mr. Voudren to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its yearly appropriation, said funds to be placed in a special conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36:A:5.

No questions and no discussions.

Approved by a voice vote.

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn at 12:10 AM. Moderator Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting.

A true copy attest:

Pauline L. Fournier
Town Clerk, Meredith, N.H.

EARLY MEREDITH

Dec. 31, 1748, Meredith was granted by the heirs of John Mason to sixty proprietors largely from Hampton, Exeter, Nottingham and Stratham. Most of these owners were land speculators who were looking for profits, not homesteads.

Report Of The Police Department

The Meredith Police Department looks forward to another productive year in its effort to serve its citizens.

Throughout 1981, your police department was able to keep our house breaks to a minimum. This was possible due to the many citizens of Meredith who took the time to care by watching their neighbors' homes.

Police work has always been a community effort. It is my hope that with the passing of time, our efforts will continue to discourage criminal activity in our community, to the point that criminals will not consider Meredith an easy mark and will concentrate their efforts elsewhere.

Your police department is currently working on a program involving the schools, parents, and young adults, aimed at providing support for parents, educators and students to develop communication and to stress the importance of family relationships and community involvement.

Again, our thanks to all the town departments who are always willing to assist us in our daily operations. I am also grateful for the support given to us by the many service organizations in our town who have helped us with their donations of money and equipment needed for many of our community projects.

It is this support that we receive from our citizens that make policemen feel that they are doing a good job and it is a good feeling to know our community supports our policemen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. CURRAN,
Chief of Police

STATISTIC — 1981

Calls for Service	6,924
Cases Investigated	1,449
Assaults	14
Burglaries - Business	12
Burglaries - Residence	34
Thefts	162
Suicides (Including Attempts)	3
Drownings	1
Criminal Mischief	110
Missing Persons	27
Found Persons	27
Disturbances	102
Criminal Adult Arrests	148
Criminal Juvenile Arrests	39
Miscellaneous Complaints	400
Traffic:	
DWI Arrests	73
Accidents	163
Summons	947
DE Tags	353
Warnings	2265
Motor Vehicle Check-ups	3178
Radar Checks	633
Parking Tickets	234
Security:	
Alarms	167
Building Checks	15,114
Doors-Windows Open	84
Property Check Requests	124
Services:	
Motorist Assists	267
Assist to Other Departments	251
Escorts	38
Fire Assists	96
Messages Delivered	42
Miscellaneous Assists	162

Current Ordinances

Town of Meredith

The following is a list of Town Ordinances by title. These Ordinances in their entirety may be reviewed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Alcoholic Beverages (Street Regulations)	Glass Separation (Refuse Disposal)
Animal Waste (Disposition of)	Garbage (Transportation)
Asbestos Waste	Hawkers
Assessment Charge (Sewer)	High Street (Parking)
Beaches (Trash, Violations, Alcoholic Beverages, Policy Fees)	Highways
Bicycles (Required Equipment, Registrations, Fees, Riding, Traffic Laws)	Highway (State of N.H. Regulation)
Billiard Tables	Housing Commission
Boats (Duration of Docking)	Housing Commission (Elderly)
Bowling Alleys	Human Waste (Disposition of)
Brush (Disposition of)	Hunting (Dump)
Buildings (Height of)	Industrial Users (Sewer)
Building (Sewers and Connections)	Inspectors (Sewer)
Builders Waste (Disposition of)	Lake Street (Parking)
Camping	Launching Ramp (Parking-Motor Vehicles, Boat Trailers, Violations, Electricity, Swimming, Water Skiing)
Cans, Metal (Disposition of)	Leavitt Beach-Park (Hours, Boats-Watercraft, Fines for Violations, Trash, Litter, Permits & Fees, Tennis)
Connections (Sewer)	Licenses (Billiard, Pool Tables, Bowling Alleys, Arcades, etc.)
Culverts	Main Street (Parking)
Definitions (Sewer)	Meredith Parks (Use of Facilities, Motor Vehicles, Resident Requirements, Alcoholic Beverages)
Disposition of Snow	Metal Waste
Docks	Mobile Home Parks
Dog Control	Motor Vehicles
Dover Street (Parking)	Municipal Recreation Areas
Driveways (Requirements, Culverts)	Noise (Regulation of)
Dump (Shooting, Hunting, Trespassing)	Parks
Explosives (Disposition of)	Sewer Inspection Fee
Elderly Housing	
Excavation of Streets	
Fees	
Parking (Restrictions)	

Peddlers	Sewer User Charge
Penny Arcades	Shooting (Dump)
Personnel Plan	Shooting Galleries
Plymouth Street (Parking)	Signs (Street, Private Roads)
Police (Work Schedule)	Skateboards
Pool Tables	Snow (Disposition of)
Prescott Park (Use of Field, Motor Vehicles, Damage)	Solicitors
Private Roads (Signs)	Street Regulations
Public Ordinances (Disposition of)	Street Signs
Public Sewers	Sunday Sales
Public Streets	Swimming (From Docks, Wharfs)
Recreation Areas	Tires (Disposition of)
Recycling	Traffic (Regulations, Streets, Highways)
Refuse Disposal Facility	Trash
Rental Charge (Sewer)	Trespassing (Dump)
Roads (Protection of)	Unnecessary Noise
Salesmen	Water Skiing (From Docks, Wharfs)
Sand (Authority to Use)	Water Street (Parking)
Septic Systems	Welfare Standards
Sewers	Wharfs
Sewer Disposal (Private)	Winnepesaukee Street (Parking)

EARLY MEREDITH

Although Meredith was originally granted in 1748, it was not settled until after 1763 when the Treaty of Paris ended the "Seven Years War," the last of the French and Indian Wars.

Meredith Fire Department

Annual Report

Once again this year, the Fire Department was called to answer 155 responses. A marked increase in responses to motor vehicle accidents was noticed. The Mutual Aid call to the Corliss Farm was by far the worst fire of the year, as it required many hundred hours of man power to contain it.

Schooling is a bigger factor than ever as seven men went to the Lakes Region Fire School in Gilford this past June, while three other men went to the Meadowwood School in Fitzwilliam in September and one man spent three days at a State-Federal Government special school on hazardous materials in Concord.

During the year several In-House classes were conducted by the Training Officer and his assistant, on various fire fighting problems. It is refreshing to see that the schooling requirements set up for the new trainees is bearing fruit, as these new men are now gaining greater knowledge on how to handle many fire problems, to make a better schooled fire fighter in the future.

Arson seems to be on the increase here as well as other locations, which causes much concern to all who are involved in the task of fire fighting. We have had several known and suspected arson induced fires this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
John W. Bryant, Jr.
Fire Chief

1981 Town Engineer's Report

The Town Engineer in Meredith also serves as Health Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector and Engineering Advisor to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The position of Public Works Director is now jointly shared by the Town Manager and Town Engineer. Since my arrival in April, I have been impressed with the extent of the Public Works facilities in Meredith and how efficiently managed they are.

Public Works projects of significance this year included a 700' extension of the Water Street sewer main, the first phase of reconstruction work on Old Hubbard Road, the reconstruction of Leavitt Park and Meredith Center Park, and completion of the Main Street resurfacing work. Projects currently in the planning or design stages include:

Construction of the Meredith Interceptor which will connect Meredith to the Winnepesaukee River Basin Sewer Project — the Meredith Sewage Treatment Plant is to be de-activated upon completion of this work — construction anticipated in 1982

Reconstruction of the intersections of Routes 3 & 25 — construction anticipated in 1982

Reconstruction of Hesky Park

An addition to the Lake Waukegan Pump Station to house a back-up water pump

Completion of the Old Hubbard Road reconstruction work is scheduled for 1982

Rehabilitation work at the Town docks on Bear Island

Construction of a 12" water main along Reservoir Road to service the proposed Industrial Park area on Hemlock Drive

Reconstruction of Plymouth Street

Completion of the second story level in the Municipal Building.

As Health Officer for the Town of Meredith, representing the State

Department of Health and Welfare, it is the Town Engineer's responsibility to investigate any suspected violations of State Health Laws. Septic Design review and approval as well as health inspections of public facilities also fall under the jurisdiction of the local Health Officer. Approximately 87 septic system designs were reviewed this year.

Where the Town of Meredith has not yet adopted a Building Code, the Building Inspector's responsibilities are essentially limited to the issuance of Building Permits. 149 Building Permits were issued in 1981 of which 29 were for the construction of new homes. Also issued by the Town Engineer are permits for driveways, fences, signs, excavations and mobile homes.

Enforcement of adopted codes is a significant problem in Meredith as it is elsewhere; fortunately the majority of the population is willing to comply with established codes, laws and ordinances. Occasionally violations are issued with the primary intent being to inform responsible parties and urge them to comply with adopted codes and ordinances. Town officials are currently considering appropriating more funds to cover the costs of code enforcement since consistent prosecution of violations would incur considerable legal expenses.

While advising the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, it is frequently necessary for the Town Engineer to conduct extensive reviews of proposed subdivisions and site plans. Numerous subdivisions requiring Town Engineer inspections and critiques were proposed and went to Planning Board hearings this year. Town road specifications were revised along with other amendments to the Land Subdivision Regulations in 1981.

Violations of the Meredith Zoning Ordinance are brought to the attention of the Town Engineer and subsequent directives are issued requesting responsible parties to either rectify the situation such that it complies with the ordinance or seek a Variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Often it is necessary to refer Building Permit Applications to the Zoning Board of Adjustment should they not be in compliance with the ordinance.

Currently, with the assistance of former Selectman Harold Wyatt, Town Officials are working toward completion of an inventory of Town Roads which will specify mileage, condition, pavement structure and status (Town's responsibilities). This list will be invaluable to Town Personnel and have a direct bearing on the amount of State Highway Subsidy Funds that Meredith receives.

Respectfully submitted,

John (Jack) W. Cilley, P.E.

Highway Department

The many miles of roads and their inherent problems have once again demanded much of the attention of the Highway Department.

The beginning of 1981 was not severe in terms of snowfall, but again small storms, sleet turning to freezing rain demanded the same attention as large amounts of snow. The lack of snow, at particular times during the winter usually used for insulation, compounded with severe spells of cold weather causes culverts to freeze which must be thawed to protect roads from icing and serious road deterioration. December brought record snowfall. Many manhours were spent in maintaining safe road conditions. Storm after storm taxed the town's equipment beyond its capabilities. Many repairs were costly and unwarranted as a number of people continue to push snow into the streets, plugging sidewalks and packing snow against already high snow banks.

As to summer maintenance, the entire crew has spent much of its time in the maintenance of what is now over one hundred miles of roads within the town. Much grading, culvert repairs and replacement, and ditching has taken place. We are aware that much more needs to be accomplished.

The department's major undertakings were numerous. The Highway Department assisted in both the initial stages of work on Old Hubbard Road as well as the completion of the Water Street project. A major drainage problem on Bay Shore Drive was rectified as well as sidewalk improvements on Lake and Pleasant Streets.

Some sealing of roads was completed, but not as much as we had planned. Costs have skyrocketed in this area. Oil for sealing has reached close to one dollar a gallon. Some planning in the future may necessitate returning some asphalt roads back to gravel.

We are proud of the success of our internal projects. Our maintenance program of upkeep and timely painting should add additional life to much of the equipment. The addition of two wood stoves in the garage complex is a direct effort on our part to reduce the astronomical costs of heating this complex. Much work to insulate the entire building was completed this year.

We have made a valiant effort to carefully scrutinize our work habits, our use of vehicles, and manpower to provide better service without skyrocketing costs. In some areas, we have been successful, in others where we have no control over the prices of materials, we have done without or

drastically curtailed activities to live within our budget.

In May, the department recognized the number of years of service of Horace "Hod" Jenness to the Town of Meredith with a well attended retirement party.

On behalf of all employees in the Highway Department I would like to thank the citizens for their support and cooperation in the past year.

Harold H. Sargent Jr.
Highway Superintendent

EARLY MEREDITH

Meredith was known as Salem and later New Salem from 1748 to 1768.

Meredith was incorporated in 1768 when the original proprietors reorganized and the unsettled areas were regranted.

Refuse Disposal Facility

A number of items occurred during 1981 that had a direct impact on the operation of the Refuse Disposal Facility which includes the incinerators, recycling facility as well as the "old dump."

Of major significance was the complete repouring of the main doors of both incinerators. The repouring of the firebrick, done during the off season, was accomplished through the cooperation of the Public Works Department. The repouring, along with the installation of a repoured combustion chamber will add additional life to the present equipment. This accomplishment alone saved thousands of tax dollars.

Along with these capital improvements, the present staff has made every effort to minimize the high cost of materials and labor. Evidence of this effort was the reduced cost of operation for 1981. Yet all is not well. The past year has been a poor one in regards to recycling revenues. While the markets have existed and the materials present, transportation cost from Meredith to the markets have taken a large chunk of what used to be "profit." It is for this reason and others, that the Town Manager and myself have played an active role in the newly formed New Hampshire Resource Recovery Association. This organization, we believe, will keep us abreast of the ever changing markets, and with information sharing, assist us in recouping every recyclable dollar possible.

Much has been written about the impact of Chapter 566 that established a Solid Waste Plan for the entire state of New Hampshire. There was, at the time of expected implementation, many facets of this legislation that would have added additional bureaucratic costs to the town as well as interfering with our present operation. The Selectmen and myself have attended various meetings protecting Meredith's interest. We believe we played an important role in requesting the 1982 Special Session of the Legislature to take another look at this legislation.

In our efforts for future planning, the Town of Meredith with the assistance of the Bureau of Solid Waste and Water Pollution Control, performed routine testing this fall in hopes of moving the "old dump" site to another location adjacent to the present. The testing for the absence of groundwater had some promise. But I must report to you that this area has been blatantly abused. In an effort to avoid separating materials, there are a few that have made this an expensive operation. A security employee would be an expensive operation in these times of high government costs. We have no choice. I have submitted a plan to the Selectmen that I hope will

solve both problems without passing on to you, those that cooperate, the expensive cost for such security.

We are pleased overall with the cooperation we have received from the citizens of Meredith and Centre Harbor. The approval of the acquisition of a new skidloader was gratifying and greatly appreciated. We will, as in the past, work to make this operation environmentally sound without passing unnecessary costs on to you, the taxpayers.

MARK S. HAYNES
Public Works Assistant

EARLY MEREDITH

Meredith was named for Sir William Meredith, an English politician, the third and last baronet of Henbury, Cheshire (in western England south of Liverpool). Meredith was a friend of Governor John Wentworth and a supporter of the American opposition to taxation by the English.

Water Department

Annual Report

1981

During this past summer the Water Department replaced approximately 260 feet of water main on Water Street, while the sewer line was being extended, due to the fact that the old water main was deteriorating and the proximity of the sewer line extension. There were seven (7) new services added to the water system, making a total of 736.

Most of the old hydrants, due to their poor working ability, have been replaced. There are only three left that need replacement, and will be replaced this coming year if possible. Replacement parts are no longer available for the old hydrants, making replacement of the entire hydrant necessary.

Construction of dry hydrants for added fire protection in the rural areas are planned for 1982.

We are continuing the internal updating of the file and maps system of the town's entire water system.

Upkeep, repair and maintenance of the water system and buildings has continued throughout the year.

I would like to thank the residents of Meredith for being able to serve them and for their cooperation during the past year.

KENNETH R. HILL
Water Superintendent

Wastewater Department

Annual Report

1981

The Winnepesaukee River Basin project is due to start construction from Maiden Cove to Meredith in the spring of 1982. Tentative plans are for completion of this project by the fall of 1982, at that time our present sewage disposal plant will be deactivated.

The sewer line on Water Street was extended this past summer to provide sewage facilities for residents who were not formerly provided this service, there were twelve new services connected to the system.

Maintenance, repairs and upkeep of the sewer system and buildings and grounds has continued throughout the year.

I would like to thank the residents of Meredith for being able to serve them over the past year.

KENNETH R. HILL
Superintendent

Meredith Public Library

Annual Report 1981

A heartfelt thank you from your Meredith Public Library Staff for making 1981 our best year ever. Our total circulation was up 6,000 materials over 1980 with records being broken all the time. Cheers to all our patrons for making it happen!

The year brought many clubs and programs to the library for lectures and meetings. The Genealogy Society, Arts & Crafts, Altrusa, Fine Arts Festival Committee, Friends' Lecture Series, and Sign Language course added a special flavor to our already established programs such as the Spring and Fall Story Hours and the Summer Reading Club. A highlight of the summer was the very professional production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" held at the St. Charles Church auditorium. We were so proud of the forty youngsters who rehearsed many long, hard hours to give such a quality performance.

The staff attended many local, state and New England workshops and meetings, becoming involved with the cutbacks on the State level. Fortunately we were not seriously affected and continue to give the same high level of service to our patrons.

The holidays always bring such happy times to the library beginning with the Halloween school parade, staff in costume, and ending with the ever popular Christmas Open House and treelighting ceremony. An extra touch this year was having St. Nick in our children's room, because of the very blustery day outside. The excitement and cheer was contagious in the true spirit of the season.

We continue to offer services to Golden View Health Care Center, local camps, the Day Care Center and Meredith Village Nursery School lending books and films on a weekly basis. The school children brighten our week by their visits each afternoon with their teachers.

If you haven't been to your library lately, do! We are not just another library. We are unique and want taxpayers to come take advantage of all the

services we offer. Free for the asking. Looking forward to being together in 1982.

Most sincerely,
 Lydia M. Torr, Librarian
 Marilyn E. Rushton, Assistant Librarian

Annual Circulation		Registered Borrowers	
Books and Periodicals	64,945	Adult	1,872
Audio Visuals	1,783	Juvenile	606
Projectors	86	Total	(1980) 2,320
Grand Total	66,814	Total	(1981) 2,478
Grand Total 1980	60,810		
New Acquisitions		Inter-Library Loan	
Purchase (Books)	1,276	1980	442
Audio Visual	68	1981	407
Gifts	377		
Lost or Discarded	1,044	Periodicals and Newspapers	
Net Total (1980)	18,474	Purchases	40
Net Total (1981)	19,148	Gifts	53
		Newspapers	5
			—
		Total	98

EARLY MEREDITH

Sir William Meredith was graduated from Christ Church, Oxford in 1749. He was variously a member of the English Parliament, Lord of the Admiralty, comptroller of the household and privy councillor under King George III.

Friends Of The Meredith Library

This year several events were held to raise money to purchase books and needed materials for the library. These included our annual library lawn sale and a card party held earlier this year. Both events were very successful.

An assortment of colorful hand puppets made by the Friends have been added to the children's room to be enjoyed by the youngsters during story hour.

The Friends are presently offering decorated packets of collected recipes for additional funds.

Other programs included a book sale, sponsorship of the children's story hour and monthly book deliveries to Golden View Nursing Home.

We would like to invite anyone interested in becoming a member of the Friends to join us the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the library.

Submitted by,

Joan McAllister
Marilyn Ambrose

Report Of The Meredith Conservation Commission

1981

During 1981, the Meredith Conservation Commission met monthly at the Municipal Building to act upon dredge and fill applications made to the State Wetlands Board, as well as other business as required. Several site inspections were made when deemed necessary and recommendations were made to the Wetlands Board.

At the January 15th meeting, Rawson L. Wood of Centre Harbor was in attendance to present 9.9 acres of land on the northwest end of Lake Wicwas to the Meredith Conservation Commission. This area is made up of island and mainland property. It is usually a loon nesting area and is to be maintained in its natural state. The Commission was very pleased to accept this property as it is entitled to by RSA 364, with the approval of the selectmen.

The Commission once again voted to financially assist an Inter-Lakes High School student who wished to attend Conservation Camp at Bear Brook State Park.

The Conservation Commission continued to be represented on the Steering Committee for the revision of the Town Master Plan.

The Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at the Municipal Building, unless conflict of meetings occur. The public is welcome to attend, but should check with a Commission member to confirm date and time.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin W. Moulton, Chairman

Gilda C. Keenan, Secretary

Frances Eames

Evamarie C. Olsen

Harold L. Pierson, D.M.D.

John Thompson

Charles Woodman

Harold Wyatt, Selectman Representative

Lakes Region Planning Commission

While development has slowed a bit in the past year, most Planning Boards have reported a continuing high rate of subdivision activity. It is likely that when the national economic picture brightens, the Lakes Region will experience growth as it did during most of the 1970's.

The Lakes Region Planning Commission assisted all communities this year by sending two informational packets concerning required changes (SB 235) in subdivision regulations. The Commission also prepared and distributed an example of subdivision regulations that displayed recent thinking on ways to cope with condominium conversions and strip development. Because of SB 279, which forbids discrimination against mobile homes, the LRPC used its newsletter and meetings to explain ways in which towns could comply with the legislation. The LRPC is working with the Municipal Association to correct those ambiguities in the mobile home bill which have caused our towns the most trouble.

The Commission's third Economic Profile was prepared this year. It shows what's happening to town tax rates, identifies how public monies are being spent and explores changes in the various sectors of the Lakes Region economy. The Commission also published a report on the intentions of the region's largest employers.

The Commission has worked to clarify what is expected of municipalities in waste management. A new districting law (HB 944) requires that all towns join a solid waste district. The LRPC has recommended that there be changes in the legislation, seeking a fairer funding formula and realistic implementation deadlines. The Commission also worked for smaller district sizes in rural areas where such districts are most cost-effective.

The LRPC is currently preparing an aquifer protection handbook. Aquifer protection has been a controversial issue in at least three Lakes Region towns during the past year. Only one town has taken specific action to protect its aquifer resources.

The Commission's meeting topics have been tailored to meet the informational needs of most member communities. Topics include what to do about the solid waste act; the advantages of building codes; methods for

evaluating groundwater resources; public action to control gypsy moths; and downtown revitalization.

Finally, the Commission directly assisted its members on 140 separate tasks, many requiring several contacts and usually involving research, night meetings, site inspections, map preparation and report writing.

EARLY MEREDITH

Sir William Meredith, for whom Meredith was named, traveled in Scotland and France but seems never to have come to America.

Sir William Meredith was an outspoken opponent of the high taxes imposed by the crown on the colonies and in a Parliamentary address in 1764 said "If I were an American, I would not submit to them."

The Lakes Region Association

Report of the Executive Secretary

July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981

The Spring of 1980 brought tremendous success to our Cooperative Advertising-Mailing program. Our small office of two regular staff and one part time person, answered Vacation Kit information for 23,446 individual requests. All of the major chambers of commerce in the Region participated in varying amounts, as their budgets would permit. We feel this was most effective for a better than expected 1980 Summer season. We certainly fared, for the most part, better than our neighbors to both the North and the Southern parts of the state.

The Lakes Region Attractions went for a Matching Grant and did a larger Television Promotion Program that brought inquiry costs down to \$3.85, and compared to the state's costs of \$16.00 we feel we did very well.

In December we learned we were to find new quarters by May 1st when our lease expired - right in the middle of our mailing season. This made it necessary to not offer a cooperative mailing-advertising program, for we felt we could not handle that high inquiry servicing load, but we did offer the Bulk Mailing for the Chambers, attractions, etc., something we could schedule between mailings.

To our amazement we moved on April 24th, and also answered 20,776 individual requests for information on the Region. How this was accomplished still amazes me.

During this time we also learned of the tremendous Budget cuts at the State level — at one time we were wiped out of the State's Office of Vacation Travel Budget. However, this was restored at the \$1,000.00 level from the \$7,333.32 we had previously received. Also that our cash flow had been arranged around getting one-half of the state money in August. Needless to say we had problems.

We looked to the new Matching Grants Program, however, although this is a tremendous help in getting assistance in programs, there is not allowance for administration costs, something that previously had been covered by the state and town monies. It is taking some severe planning to readjust our programs to cope with this change of cash flow, and given time we will make it.

We have done our best not to let the quality of our programs slip. And we

used up our own cash reserve for carrying operating costs, to pay postage to make certain the requests for information were handled promptly and assure that vacationers would have the information to assist them in their planning.

One of the other new efforts was in the new, Winter in the Lakes Region Brochure. This was a combined effort with the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and a Matching Grant. We were all concerned that with the nearly \$750,000. being spent for skiing the White Mountains in this Winter, that the Lakes Region areas would be left in a pile of snow. So with approval of the Grant on September 2nd, we sold listings, got contributions, planned a Grant, and advertising Program, got it printed, and planned its distribution. Taking delivery from the printer on November 9th. Advertising begins November 22nd.

We published the Navigational Charts of Lake Winnepesaukee, we still have supplies of four other lakes in the Region.

And we are working on a special Bus Tour-Conference type of business customer.

The Lakes Region Attractions are a working committee within the Lakes Region Association. They publish their own brochure and distribute it. They also came to our rescue financially during the cash flow problem. Their seven members pledge their own money, and agree on spending it. We are proud to have them as a part of our Association. We all work well together and accomplish a great deal.

The Lakes Region Association seeks to preserve the quality of life we have here in our special part of New Hampshire. We want to maintain and preserve our natural resources, our lakes, our fields and forests, so that they can be enjoyed by not only those of us that live here but also by those that visit our Region.

There are many major changes happening in the Region in the past few years, and no doubt they will continue in the future. This will change the 'residential' population. Whether it is for the good or not, remains to be seen.

I have faith in our communities, their judgment and their ideals, and hope I will always want to make the Lakes Region of New Hampshire my home.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred A. Beach, Exec. Sec.
THE LAKES REGION ASSOCIATION

Meredith Planning Board

The past year has seen the Planning Board working on not only the usual business of the Board, but on the new Master Plan for the Town of Meredith. 1981 saw the completion of the information gathering process by the many members of the five subcommittees, some of whom did double duty as members of the Master Plan Steering Committee. Our sincere thanks for your long hours and hard work. Also, many thanks to Robert Varney of the Lakes Region Planning Commission and Warner Plummer, Chairman of the Steering Committee, for the many meetings they attended and to the Lakes Region Planning Commission for their continued advice and guidance.

The Board, after considering the many recommendations received from the subcommittees and the Master Plan Steering Committee, is now receiving the completed chapters of the Master Plan. The three surveys conducted over the past 2 years have indicated the direction in which the townspeople wish Meredith to go and the results of the surveys are reflected in these chapters. This year will see the adoption of the Master Plan by the Board.

The work of the Board does not lessen as the years go by. We are guided by State Law and there are certain procedures which must be followed. We earnestly invite the public to attend our meetings and observe the working of the Board. The Board makes decisions which affect the entire community. Many of these decisions have a long-lasting impact on the quality of life and the environment of Meredith. Therefore, we implore you to become more involved with the Planning Board and bring us your comments and constructive criticisms.

I would personally like to thank each member of the Board for the long hours they have put in voluntarily during the past year. To former Board members Robert Johnson and Ivor Thomas go our best wishes with thanks for a job well done.

Subdivisions presented	23
Subdivisions approved	22
Site Plans presented	14
Site Plans approved	11

Boundary Line Adj.	14
Discussions	33
Master Plan Update meeting	7
Master Plan. Committee meetings	35

Edward F. Varney, Chairman

John Dever Jr., Vice Chairman
 Lynn M. Smith, Secretary
 Gary S. Fletcher
 Beverly Bacon
 Anthony J. Creonte

Alternates:
 John Farrington
 Walter L. Mitchell
 Marilyn Plummer

Clerk: Marilyn Plummer

EARLY MEREDITH

The first Baptist Church in Meredith was built on the Parade Road. It seems that early in the 1800s it was torched by an irate neighbor who got tired of supplying hot coals for the footwarmer stoves of the parishioners.

Meredith Zoning Board Report

During 1981 the Zoning Board heard 31 cases. This was a significant decrease from the 42 cases heard during 1980. This is probably attributed to the poor housing market (high interest rate) and local zoning code changes which now require a variance for locating mobile homes. The majority of cases were for a variance to construct buildings closer to the lot line than the ordinance permits.

Summary of Cases - 1981

Total Cases:	31
Granted	20
Denied	9
Withdrawn	2
Type of Application:	
Variance	27
Special Exception	3
Adm. Dec.	1 (withdrawn)

Two cases from prior years remain unsettled and are pending court action. The Mount Washington docking facility was upheld in February 1981 and reviewed by the Supreme Court on Oct. 9, 1982. No opinion has been released. Guild appeal for a playhouse with insufficient setback is awaiting Superior Court decision. None of the cases heard or reviewed during 1981 have resulted in Court action.

The Board amended its operating bylaws twice during the past year.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets the 3rd Thursday of each month if cases are pending and the meetings are open to the public. Your comments regarding cases being heard are important. Please attend and speak out if you are interested in any particular case.

1983 Harry F. Wood III, Chairman
1985 Edward J. McLear, Vice Chairman
1986 Geoffrey Cunningham
1984 Jonathan D. James
1982 Donald Fiskén
Marilyn Plummer, Clerk

Alternates
Pauline Fournier
Ellen Soucy
John Tappan
Michael McCutcheon
Delancey Nicoll III

Meredith Parks & Recreation

The Meredith Parks and Recreation Department had a very successful year in 1981. Maintaining our extensive park system and administering a comprehensive recreation program kept us busy during this our third year of year-round service.

In recreation, forty-two (42) programs and activities were conducted by our department in 1981. Two thousand five hundred (2500) Meredith townspeople participated in these activities. We also assisted several events such as the Lakes Region Golf Classic and the amazing Lakes Region Fine Arts & Crafts Festival. The Recreation Department organized and coordinated Winter Carnival '81 and Old Home Days '81, which were truly "community celebrations."

Our Parks Department provided facilities for countless other recreational opportunities, both active and passive, throughout the year. We also undertook two major park projects: An erosion control measure at Leavitt Park was completed and the expansion of Meredith Center Park received much attention.

Three new faces appeared on the Parks and Recreation Commission during 1981. Nate Torr, Terry Berry and Ellen Nash joined the board following the respective resignations of Mark Gallagher (2 years of service), Bill Lamper (8 years), and Scott Vittner (1 year).

I take this opportunity to thank the other departments within the Town of Meredith who have all supported and aided the Parks and Recreation Department during 1981. I especially thank the Highway Department for their outstanding efforts in maintaining and improving the best parks around — ours!

In 1982, the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department will repeat our successes and strive to create new ones.

Fun for you in '82!!!

Thomas A. Howard
Director of Parks and Recreation

Robert J. Dever
Chairman Recreation Commission

Dorothy Hartson
Nathan Torr
Terry Berry
Ellen Nash
Parks & Recreation Commission

Meredith Organizations

Altrusa
Jeanette Ritzenhaler
Douglas Drive
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-4960

American Legion Post 36
Arthur Morrill
R.F.D. 2
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-6657

Boosters Club
Wendell Whitcher
Waukegan Avenue
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-6047

Boy Scout Troop 55
Ivor Thomas
Birch Ledge Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-5036

Burns-Olden Auxiliary
Irene Greenleaf
Scandia Trailer Park
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-5167

Chamber of Commerce
Kenneth Boucher
Ridge Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-4064

Community Action Program
Michael J. Coleman
Meredith Area Director
Plymouth Street
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-4096

Ellacoya Chapter No. 43, O.E.S.
Marion Trevor
Pinnacle Park Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-8831

50+ Club
Andrew Sala
Fortier Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-8493

4-H
Lucienne Taggett
Chemung Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-8084

Girl Scout Troup
Sylvia Detscher
Red Gate Lane Ext.
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-8614

I-L Day Care Center
Connie Chertok
Lang Street
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-8903

I-L Elementary School
Christine Stiles
Student Council Pres.
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-7924

I-L High School
Cheryl Plummer
Student Council Pres.
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-6259

Lakes Region Disabled
American Veterans
Howard Hurd
R.F.D. 3
Parade Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel.

Lions Club
Preston Eames
Tucker Mt. Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-8781

Loon Preservation
Jeff Fair
Humiston Building
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-5000

Mason's
Clifford LeRoy
Old Meredith Road
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Meredith Center Organization
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Chemung Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-6196

Meredith Early Birds Extension
Dawn Dever
Parade Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-4655

Meredith Fire Department
Fred E. Copp
Rt. 3
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-6061

Meredith Historical Society
Marjorie Gordon
Winona Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-7734

Meredith Jaycees
Scott Vittner
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Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-5005

Meredith Kiwanis
William Harris
Mass. Avenue
Meredith, N.H. 03253
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Meredith-Laconia Arts & Crafts
Susan Leahy
Pease Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-5162

Meredith Nite Owls
Marilu Morse
Meredith Center Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
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Meredith Police Dept. Relief Assoc.
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Meredith Public Health Nursing
Assoc.
June Plummer
Main Street
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-6611

Meredith Village Nursery School
Candy Raymond
Stevens Avenue
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-6778

Meredith Village Shops
Hilary Keniston
Lang Street
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-4170

Meredith Women's Progress Club
Doris Cotton, Vice Pres.
Main Street
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-6095

Rotary Club
Joseph Parkman
29 Water Street
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-8261

VFW Post 5131
Edward L. Schuette
Meredith Neck Road
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-5611

Women's Fellowship of the
Congregational Church
Marilyn Meinsler
Red Gate Lane
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-7923

Youth Basketball
Wayne Mudgett
Eaton Parkway
Meredith, N.H. 03253
Tel. 279-8329

Meredith Chamber Of Commerce

Annual Report

October 1, 1980 - September 30, 1981

The Board of Directors held ten regular meetings and two special meetings during the year. The Directors serving were: George Hawkins, Chairman, Kenneth Boucher, Vice Chairman, Ellen Burns, Treasurer, Eric Young, Judith Scothorne, Jeanne Murray, James Hanson, Bruce Skawinski, and Peter Brothers.

The highlights of the past year's activities include the following: the Annual Meeting held in October at Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant, two Santa's Parties for the area children and the Christmas Decorating Contest for residential and commercial properties in December, a program designed to show merchants and salespeople how to protect themselves against hot checks, forgery, and short change artists in January, the Spring Social at Waukewan Golf Club in May, The Fourth of July Fireworks Display, the Buckfield Leather 'n' Lather Show, the Community Fair in July, and a band concert in August.

Many long hours went into the planning of the 1981 Brochure, of which 50,000 were printed. They were distributed through mailings, mall shows, Inter-State Rest Areas, Information Centers, Expositions, a co-operative mailing program, and an industrial site distribution plan.

The fireworks display expenses totaled \$2,500.00 plus insurance, of which \$2,500.00 was received from the Town. The biggest accomplishment of the year has to be the new Information Booth, located on the corner of Route 3 and Dover St. The following are the expenses incurred at the Booth: \$6,720.26 for renovations, \$726.70 for postage and operating expenses, \$723.56 for utilities, and \$2,384.87 for salaries. \$2,500.00 was received from the Town to help defray these costs. A complete Treasurer's report is available for inspection at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Meta Ohman
Executive Secretary

Lakes Region General Hospital

Laconia, New Hampshire

November 16, 1981

Mr. Edward L. Schuette
Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Municipal Office Building
Meredith, NH 03253

Dear Mr. Schuette:

The financial assistance given the Hospital by the Town of Meredith over the years has been greatly appreciated.

Any funds received from Meredith or any of the other area cities and towns is used to assist in the purchase of new and replacement equipment. This year's equipment budget is \$306,000.

This year in addition to having to contend with price increases caused by inflation, we are also faced with an income reduction because of the sharp decrease in Medicaid payments we will receive from the New Hampshire Department of Welfare for indigent patients.

Any assistance the Town of Meredith can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Cecil R. Holland
Treasurer

CRH:jw

Meredith Public Health Nursing Association

74 Main Street, Meredith, N.H.

Staff:

June A. Plummer, R.N., Executive Director-Supervisor
Jane H. Kiah, R.N.
Steve Walton, Physical Therapist
Judy Picard, Home Health Aide
Susan V. Ladd, Secretary-Bookkeeper

The patient case load for 1981 was as follows:

Meredith:

2116 Home visits by Nurses
779 Office visits
571 Home Health Aide visits
79 Physical Therapy visits
176 Blood Pressure readings at monthly clinics
359 Blood Pressure readings at C.A.P.
46 Weekend visits

Uncollectible Accounts \$8,169.67

Memorials were received during the year of 1981 in memory of Bernice Gilpatrick, Elizabeth Lancaster, Pauline Moulton, George and Elizabeth Anderson, Gerhardus J. Oldeman, Kate Giles, Fred VanDine, Mildred Doherty, Robert Dow, Rose Bovaird, Thomas H. and Esther Sherman, Florence Beede, and Nina Taylor.

In Meredith our free blood pressure clinics are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Meredith Public Health Nursing Association office located at 74 Main Street, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M.

The Meredith Public Health Nursing Association is a Medicare Approved Agency providing Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Home Health Aide Service to the residents of Meredith and Centre Harbor.

Equipment for loan includes hospital beds, wheel chairs, crutches, walkers, commodes and other small items necessary for patient home care.

Respectfully submitted,
June A. Plummer, R.N.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School

Report to the Towns

We are happy to announce that in October of 1981 the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center successfully completed its tenth year of providing child care and educational services. During the last twelve months 150 children were served from 117 families from eight towns in the Inter-Lakes region. Operating on a year-round basis from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Day Care Center has made it possible for the parents of 138 children to maintain employment bringing into the community a combined income of well over a million dollars! As a private, non-profit agency governed by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of parents and interested people from the community, the Center operates a comprehensive preschool program for three to six year olds, and before and after school program for children of elementary school age. In providing for social, emotional, physical and educational development a full range of services is offered including education, health care, vision and hearing screening, immunizations, dental care, nutrition, and information and referral. As a participant in the New Hampshire Child Care Food Program sponsored by USDA hot lunches, breakfasts, and snacks are served daily. During the last year 7489 lunches, 1631 breakfasts, and 13,135 snacks were served.

The total budget of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center for 1982 is \$95,223.00. Of this we will be receiving a tuition paid by parents \$47,500.00, \$9600.00 from N.H. Child Care Food Program (USDA), and \$2175.00 from CETA. This also includes the following: \$37,948.00 of which \$14,796.00 is Title XX, \$5006.00 from Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and \$16,146.00 which must be obtained in local funding. The money we receive from the towns that we serve is matched three times by the federal government.

Area residents are always invited to visit the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School at 11 Lang Street in Meredith.

Enrollment by Towns - 1981

Meredith - 98
Centre Harbor - 21
Moultonboro - 6
Laconia - 10

Ashland - 6
Holderness - 4
New Hampton - 3
Bristol - 2

N.H. Humane Society Report

Town Manager and Selectmen
Town of Meredith
Meredith, N.H. 03253

Gentlemen:

For the calendar year 1981, the number of animals brought to the N.H. Humane Society shelter on Meredith Center Road from the Meredith Animal Control Officer and Meredith residents totalled 322. Town residents brought 110 dogs and puppies, 102 cats and kittens. While the Meredith Animal Control Officer brought us 81 stray dogs or puppies and 29 cats or kittens.

The Animal Control Agreement which the Society offers the Town of Meredith provides your animal control officer and town residents with an excellent community service. Our budget appropriation request for the year 1982 is \$1,200.00. This has been approved by the State Department of Revenue Administration.

For this consideration, the Society provides a suitable shelter, making it available 24 hours a day for your animal control officer to leave strays or restrain animals. This satisfies your Town's requirement under Chapter 442-A, Rabies Control Act. The Society will assist your animal control officer in any unusual animal problems, cremate dead animals, and investigate possible cruelty complaints.

For your Town residents, the Society's shelter is open seven days a week (holidays excepted) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to receive unwanted animals or assist them with animals which must be humanely put to sleep. A small donation is requested for these services. We will also assist in the return of lost pets and offer healthy animals for adoption. Spaying and neutering assistance is offered to your residents adopting animals from our shelter. Free booklets to assist in the care and training of pets are available, as well as the services of our humane education department for your schools and adult groups. We ask that residents who have lost their pet call us at once at 524-3252 in order to help us identify stray animals brought to us so that we can reunite them with their owners.

We feel that the 1982 Animal Control Agreement is fair and complete, offering the Town good animal control and available services to your residents.

We invite everyone to visit our shelter and to become familiar with its

many services. We especially encourage your animal control officer to use our services more in 1982.

Sincerely,
Fritz T. Sabbow
Executive Director
N.H. Humane Society

December 14, 1981

Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, N.H. 03253

Gentlemen:

The 1981 totals to date of the number of animals from the Town of Meredith brought to the N.H. Humane Society shelter are as follows:

By your Animal Control Officer:	
Dogs and Puppies	81
Cats and Kittens	29
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Total	110
By Meredith Residents:	
Dogs and Puppies	110
Cats and Kittens	102
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Total	212
Total number of dogs, pups, cats, kittens from the Town of Meredith	
	322

Your Society's shelter has been inspected and licensed by the State and fulfills your licensed dog pound requirements. It also complies with RSA 442: A, the Rabies Control Act for holding stray dogs.

Every town has stray and animal problems. We encourage the Town of Meredith, and especially the Animal Control Officer, to use our services more in 1982.

Sincerely,
Fritz T. Sabbow
Executive Director

Dog Officer's Report

Dog Complaints:

Reported Lost	22
Nuisance Complaints	165
Taken to Pound	81
Bite Cases	5
Killed By Automobiles	13
Taken to Veterinarian	6
Returned Home	22

Cat Complaints:

Reported Lost	8
Nuisance Complaints	56
Taken to Pound	29
Killed by Automobiles	14
Returned Home	4

I also had calls concerning a duck, a goose, a pigeon and on several pigs.

Bill Smith

Community Action Program Report

**1981 Summary of Services
Provided to Meredith Residents
by the Meredith Area Center
Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program**

Services	Units of Service	No. Households -Persons	Value
Congregate Meals - hot meals for the elderly, at our Senior Center.	4500 meals	60 households 75 persons	\$ 14,625.00
Meals-on-Wheels - delivers hot meals to elderly homebound residents	2871 meals	11 households 11 persons	\$ 10,306.89
Senior Companion Program - stipended volunteers visiting homebound seniors	1560 hours	1 Companion	\$ 5,070.00
	1560 hours	5 Visitees	\$ 6,240.00
Rural Transportation System - provides regularly scheduled bus trips.	4998 trips	60 households 64 persons	\$ 16,643.34
Fuel Assistance Program - provided an average of \$495 in assistance to needy households, particularly the elderly.	183 households	183 households	\$ 90,585.00
Weatherization - provides fuel saving materials and services to low-income households.	27 homes	27 households 89 persons	\$ 13,502.01
Family Planning - provides a variety of health and education services to low and moderate income individuals.	106 clinic visits	48 persons	\$ 2,862.00

WIC - provides clinics and food vouchers to low-income children, nursing and post-partem mothers at nutritional risk.	80 individuals	80 persons	\$ 13,425.60
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Food Co-op - helps families maximize their food buying dollars.	260 orders	5 households	\$ 780.00
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Green Thumb Program - provides free seeds, plants, and fertilizer to low income families.	28 households	28 households 98 persons	\$ 474.60
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Woodstove Program - provided woodstoves and installation to eligible families.	8 stoves	8 households 28 persons	\$ 7,089.29
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TOTAL			<hr/> \$181,603.73
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Information and Referral - provides utility, landlord-tenant, legal and health counseling, and referrals for housing, transportation and other concerns to anyone in need	1325	No dollar value can be assigned to this service in that it is the dedication, knowledge, and expertise of the CAP staff that makes this program successful.
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Michael Coleman
Meredith Area Director

History Of The Meredith Historical Society

The Meredith Historical Society was organized in 1950. The object of the Society is for the purpose of collecting, preserving, writing and publishing whatever may be of value relating to the history of Meredith and to preserve all valuable books, manuscripts, prints, relics and other articles relating to the history of the town.

The Museum building was built between 1800 and 1804 and was used as a Baptist Church until acquired in 1950 by the Historical Society. At that time the land was given to the Society by the late Clarence Gordon.

The Society met at the home of Ernest Nedeau on Dec. 20, 1949, and the first meeting at Irwin Anair's on Jan. 3, 1950.

Meetings are now held from April through December. The first and last meetings are held at The Congregational Church, and the Summer Meetings are held at the Museum on what is now called Winona Road, at 8 p.m. The Society has had many interesting speakers and visitors are welcome at these meetings.

During the summer months the Museum holds Open House on Saturday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. and there is always someone in attendance. All are welcome to come in and browse around. There are many interesting articles and papers to view there.

In 1909 The Boston Post Newspaper provided gold headed canes to towns in New England to the oldest resident in town. The canes were not to become the property of the recipient but upon their demise to be returned to the town. In 1970 the Town Officials of Meredith entrusted the awarding of these canes to The Historical Society. Now they find there are two canes in Meredith, one is held by Mr. Harold Fay and the other by Mrs. Gertrude Murray. The Boston Post no longer exists, but this is a unique custom which is still carried on in many New England towns.

The Charter Members of the Society are as follows:

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Nedeau and Mary

Mrs. Emma Nedeau

Mr. Elmer Perkins

Mr. Theodore Perkins

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dow

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Enander

Mrs. Irwin Anair and Christine

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pickering and Marilyn

Lucy Veasey
Mrs. Alice O'Neal
Mr. Fred Chandler
Mrs. Alice Marston

Mr. Carl Blaisdell
Miss Hope Lincoln
Mrs. Zela Bucklin

EARLY MEREDITH

Much of Laconia was part of Meredith until Dec.
30, 1855, when it was set off and incorporated.

Report By Marshall French

**Speaker Pro Tempore
N.H. House of Representatives**

The 1981 Legislative Session was off to a busy start with all of the Sunset legislation resulting from the evaluation of more than 100 State Agencies. The remainder of the session focused on developing a state budget with limited funds available and in the shadow of projected federal budget cuts. A budget was finally adopted at the midnight hour. New Hampshire, however, still has some serious fiscal problems. Hopefully, the Special Session in January 1982 will help take care of the remaining problems with the budget.

In July, 1981, the Council of State Governments sent a small group of legislators to Canada to visit the tremendous hydro project at St. James Bay in Quebec. This project is very important to the Northeast and especially to New Hampshire because Canada is willing to sell the excess power. New Hampshire is presently making the necessary preparations to become an eligible recipient for this surplus power.

In August, I was elected to serve as Chairman of the Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments. This is quite an honor for me and also gives me a chance to better serve the people of New Hampshire. The Eastern Regional Conference is concentrating on the many problems facing our particular area of the United States such as adequate water supplies, energy sources, heating costs, etc.

This past fall, the Legislature began dealing with the new Federal Block Grant System. This is a good concept, but requires a large amount of planning. New Hampshire is well ahead of other states with their block grant plans, so our transition should go smoothly.

Your concerns are important to me and as your Representative I welcome your calls and letters. If I can be of help with any problem or question that you might have, please contact me in Meredith (tel. 279-4366) or at my office in Concord (tel. 1-800-852-3392).

**MARSHALL FRENCH
Speaker Pro Tempore
Belknap County, District I**

Town Clerk Report 1981

Vital Statistics

Births	51
Marriages	47
Deaths	74

Financial Report

Auto	\$140,212.50
Dog Licenses	\$ 1,980.35
Bicycles	\$ 19.00
Misc. Fees	\$ 4,100.20
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	\$146,312.05

Dog Licenses - Excerpts from State and Local Laws

RSA 466:4 - Dogs three months of age after May 1 must be licensed, \$3.50 for a neutered male or spayed female. Certificate must be furnished from the person performing the operation. This must be presented to the clerk of the town where the dog is owned or kept. \$6.50 for an unspayed female and \$6.00 for an unneutered male.

RSA 466:7 - There is a penalty of \$1.00 per month if fees are not paid before June 1.

RSA 466:30a Dog Control Law - It shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large except when accompanied by the owner or custodian. In this section, "at large" means off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention. Such dogs shall be handled as strays or abandoned dogs and a forfeiture of \$10.00 must be paid to the Town Clerk within 96 hours. If not paid, a summons shall be issued for appearance in district court.

RSA 466:31 Dogs a Menace, a Nuisance or Vicious - There are provisions for handling this type of complaint and appropriate fines for this type of dog problem.

Elections

Meredith had only the Town Meeting last year for elections. A total of

1075 votes were cast with 3241 names on the checklist. Absentee ballots are available for all local, state and federal elections thru the Town Clerk.

Marriages

License Fee \$20.00, there is a three-day waiting period and a blood test is no longer necessary.

Please call the Town Clerk if you have any questions. It is a pleasure to be helpful to the residents of Meredith in any way possible.

Pauline L. Fournier
Town Clerk

EARLY MEREDITH

To encourage settlement, the proprietors of Meredith sometimes paid homesteaders to clear the land, build houses and live there.

Report of Tax Collector

Summary of Warrants

DEBITS	1981	1980	Prior
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 1-1-1981			
Property Taxes		436,313.38	25,054.28
Resident Taxes		6,290.00	16,950.00
Yield Taxes		2,933.43	2,582.89
Sewer Rents		15,326.95	
Land Use Change Tax		1,200.00	600.00
TAXES COMMITTED			
Property Taxes	3,340,754.01		
Resident Taxes	32,520.00	460.00	
Nat. Bank Stock Taxes	69.90		
Land Use Change Taxes	10,942.78		
Yield Taxes	8,020.25		
Sewer Rents	71,681.94		
INTEREST	821.17	16,240.62	
PENALTIES	42.00	198.00	
OVERPAYMENTS			
Property Taxes	619.59	114.43	
Resident Taxes	80.00	20.00	4.00
Sewer Rents	48.00		
	<hr/> 3,465,599.64	<hr/> 479,096.81	<hr/> 45,191.17
CREDITS	1981	1980	Prior
REMITTED TO TREASURER			
Property Taxes	2,730,392.49	433,875.98	11.23
Resident Taxes	24,850.00	2,000.00	40.00
Yield Taxes	3,003.50	1,275.56	
Sewer Rents	53,255.19	15,323.80	
Land Use Change Taxes	10,942.78		
Interest	821.17	16,240.62	
Penalties	42.00	198.00	4.00
Nat. Bank Stock Taxes	69.90		
ABATEMENTS			
Property Taxes	4,788.69	2,216.45	23,202.72
Resident Taxes	1,140.00	1,580.00	15,670.00
Sewer Rents	216.40		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12-31-81			
Property Taxes	606,192.42	335.38	1,840.33
Resident	6,610.00	3,190.00	1,240.00
Sewer Rents	18,258.35	3.15	
Yield Taxes	5,016.75	1,657.87	2,582.89
Land Use Change Tax		1,200.00	600.00
	<hr/> 3,465,599.64	<hr/> 479,096.81	<hr/> 45,191.17

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS

<i>DEBIT</i>	1980	1979	1978	Prior Yrs.
Tax Sale June 19, 1981	135,857.33			
Unredeemed 1-1-81		47,715.45	19,536.83	706.53
Interest Collected after sale	1,877.46	1,934.92	3,125.82	136.94
Overpayments	281.89	63.00		
TOTAL	138,016.68	49,713.37	22,662.65	843.47
 <i>CREDIT</i>				
Remitted to Treasurer	64,101.55	17,816.54	15,428.92	445.71
Interest Collected After Sale	1,877.46	1,934.92	3,125.82	136.94
Abated	41.45	24.40		2.85
Deed's Taken	1,276.27	1,293.93	1,137.35	257.97
Unredeemed 12-31-81	70,719.95	28,547.26	2,970.56	
Town Acquired Property		96.32		
TOTAL	138,016.68	49,713.37	22,662.65	843.47

SUMMARY OF SEWER ASSESSMENTS

<i>DEBIT</i>	1981	1980
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1981		1,291.12
Committed in 1981	8,321.15	
Overpayments Deferred Principle	70.35	
Deferred Assessments Collected	952.36	
TOTAL	9,343.86	1,291.12
 <i>CREDIT</i>		
Remitted to Treasurer	6,996.94	1,291.12
Uncollected December 31, 1981	2,346.92	
TOTAL	9,343.86	1,291.12

SUMMARY OF WATER RENTALS

DEBIT	1981	1980	Prior
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1981		14,522.80	941.20
Committed in 1981	67,726.28		
Overpayments	599.10	21.40	
TOTAL	68,325.38	14,544.20	941.20
CREDIT			
Remitted to Treasurer	52,612.56	13,381.10	380.50
Abatements	269.60	190.40	279.70
Uncollected 12-31-81	15,443.22	972.70	281.00
TOTAL	68,325.38	14,544.20	941.20

Assessor's Report

The continued sluggish economy and high interest rates have resulted in a slow increase in the Meredith tax base. Contributing to the slow growth has been an increase in applications for Current Use assessment. We now have over 20 percent of the area of our town under this form of reduced assessment.

The state mandated revaluation of all taxable property in Meredith is on schedule and should be complete for the 1982 warrant. Following approval of funding at the 1981 Town Meeting, the Selectmen signed a contract for the reassessment with United Appraisal Co. of East Hartford, Ct., in the amount of \$92,900. Work began in early May, and the measuring and listing phase was completed in early October. At the time of this writing, work has just begun on the establishment of land pricing standards. In the spring, final values will be turned over to the Town by 1 June 1982. Following local review, notices of the new assessments will be mailed to each property owner in July. In August, United Appraisal Co. will hold informal hearings at which time taxpayers may discuss the new assessments with representatives from the Revaluation company. In September a new tax rate will be set and the new assessments will be used for the fall tax bills.

So far the Selectmen and I are well pleased with the performance of United Appraisal Co. They have achieved over a 95 percent entry rate into properties, and spot checks indicate accurate work. We are therefore confident the revaluation will achieve its goal of restoring equity to our tax structure.

The recent session of the state legislature made some changes to the 'Inventory of Taxable Property' reporting requirements. The former requirement to report on railroad stock ownership has been revoked, as well as the requirement to annually renew Current Use applications. However, it is still mandatory that the inventory form be completed for all other exemptions and filing it is a prerequisite to appealing assessments. The forms will be mailed out in early February and must be returned by April 15th to avoid penalty.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles C. Vogler
Assessor

Town Of Meredith

Financial

Reports

Audit Statement

Killion, Plodzik & Sanderson
Accountants and Auditors
171 North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

We have examined the combined financial statements and the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements of the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1980, as listed in the table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 1F, the combined financial statements referred to above do not include financial statements of the General Fixed Asset group of accounts which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

In addition, the Town has not capitalized the cost of property and equipment purchased by the Proprietary Funds (Sewer and Water Departments). Likewise, no depreciation expense is recorded on these funds. Generally accepted accounting principles require that property and equipment of proprietary funds be capitalized and depreciated over the useful lives of the assets. The Town's records do not permit the applications of adequate procedures to enable us to determine the cost value of capital assets or related depreciation expense on them.

Because of the material effect of the omission of fixed assets and related depreciation on the financial position, we do not express an opinion on the financial statement of these Proprietary Funds.

In our opinion, other than the financial statements of the Proprietary Funds mentioned above, and except that omission of the General Fixed Asset group of accounts results in an incomplete presentation as explained in the second paragraph of this report, the combined financial statements and the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements referred to above, present fairly the financial position of the Town of

Meredith, New Hampshire at December 31, 1980, and the results of its operations and the changes in financial position of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Our examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole and on the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements of the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the combined, combining, individual fund and account group financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

April 17, 1981

Killion, Plodzik & Sanderson

NOTE: AUDITOR'S EXHIBITS A through F; A-1 through B-1, SCHEDULES 1 through 3 will be available at Town Meeting, March 10, 1982, upon request.

Summary of Treasurer's Accounts

As of December 31, 1981

WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance as of December 31, 1980	\$ 9,836.85
Receipts during year	89,331.46
Less Expenditures during year	84,440.35

Water Fund Balance as of December 31, 1981	\$ 14,727.96
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SEWER DEPARTMENT

Balance as of December 31, 1980	37,796.47
Receipts during year	64,555.66
Less Expenditures during year	68,349.97

Sewer Fund Balance as of December 31, 1981	34,002.16
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GENERAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1980	356,060.40
Receipts during year	5,522,832.33
Less Expenditures during year	5,453,647.01

General Fund Balance as of Dec. 31, 1981	425,245.72
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FUND TOTALS

\$473,975.84

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance BankEast-Lakes Region

Acct. 100-51-031-9	\$421,387.31
Acct. 10-967-3	44,399.32

Balance Meredith Village Savings

Acct. 47 107	91,013.22
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Less Outstanding Checks

Add Deposits in Transit

556,799.84

134,930.73

52,106.73

Reconciled Balance

\$473,975.84

Revenue Sharing Fund

Statement of Account and Fund Balance Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1981

Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 1980	\$ 54,786.61
Additions:	
Entitlement Payments	\$81,205.00
Interest Earnings	4,012.12
Unexpected Appropriations Returned	5,406.70
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	90,623.82
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$145,410.43
1981 APPROPRIATIONS	68,800.00
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FUND BALANCE December 31, 1981	\$ 76,610.43

PROOF OF BALANCE

Account Balance December 31, 1980	\$ 41,056.45
Deposits	87,143.12
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Total	\$128,199.57
Withdrawn for Appropriations and Encumbrances	37,186.35
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Cash Balance as per Meredith Village Savings Bank Account No. 41707	\$ 91,013.22
Add: Entitlement Receivable	18,856.00
Less: Amounts Due to General Fund	\$12,258.79
Encumbrances	21,000.00
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	33,258.79
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FUND BALANCE December 31, 1981	\$ 76,610.43

Inventory of Taxable Property

LAND — Improved and Unimproved	\$29,594,700
BUILDINGS	36,877,800
FACTORY BUILDINGS	928,750
PUBLIC UTILITIES	970,900
HOUSE TRAILERS & MOBILE HOMES	1,137,950
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TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	69,510,100
Blind Exemptions - 4	
Elderly Exemptions - 74	
Total Exemptions Allowed	766,000
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	68,744,100

1981 TAX RATE

Town	17.70
County	5.70
School	25.30
Total \$48.70 per Thousand	

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes

1981

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 14,875.00
Town Officers' Expenses	145,088.00
Election & Registration Expenses	2,750.00
Municipal & District Court Expenses	1,000.00
Town Hall & Other Building Expenses	34,296.00
Reappraisal of Property	92,900.00
Police Department	198,441.00
Fire Department, Inc. Forest Fires	45,388.00
Blister Rust and Care of Trees	100.00
Planning & Zoning	29,591.00
Insurance	57,200.00
Conservation Commission	200.00
Fire Alarm System-Day Care Center	1,000.00
Health Department	51,395.00
Town Incinerator & Garbage Removal	83,350.00
Skid Loader	20,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,746.00
Town Maintenance	301,200.00
Street Lighting	25,600.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	87,212.00
Highway Subsidy & Add'l	44,022.53
Meredith Neck Road Imp.	1,000.00
Center Line Survey-Roxbury Road	2,000.00
Libraries	56,600.00
General Relief & OAA	16,000.00
Juvenile Services	10,000.00
Outside Services	12,851.00
Patriotic Purposes	4,000.00
Recreation	55,570.00
Ballfield Repairs	1,605.00
Municipal Sewer Department	66,500.00
Municipal Water Department	81,665.00
Sewer Ext.	6,500.00
Cemeteries	23,200.00
Hydrant Rental	18,300.00
Water Supply Study	3,500.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	14,350.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	4,159.36
Employees' Retirement, Social Security etc.	101,400.00

Grants	15,000.00
Debt Service-Principal	44,500.00
Debt Service-Interest	15,515.00
Interest on Temporary Notes	121,600.00
Highway Trucks & Misc. Equip.	11,000.00
Police Cruiser & Radio Equip.	15,800.00
Master Plan Update	9,039.00
Winnepesaukee River Basin Project	21,000.00
Office Equipment	6,500.00
Soil Conservation Project-Leavitt Park	5,000.00
Highway Capital Reserve	15,000.00
Fire Capital Reserve	20,000.00
Refuse Capital Reserve	8,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$2,024,508.89

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Resident Taxes	31,630.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	100.00
Yield Taxes	17,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	20,000.00
Resident Tax Penalties	191.00
Inventory Penalties	3,000.00
Boat Taxes	10,673.00
Land Use Change Tax	9,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	19,298.46
Interest & Dividends Tax	50,262.91
Savings Bank Tax	28,277.25
Highway Subsidy	17,518.00
Railroad Tax	49.23
Town Road Aid	11,514.42
State Aid Water Pollution Projects	1,000.00
Reimb. State Federal Forest Land	250.00
Reimb. Fighting Forest Fires	100.00
Reimb. Old Age Assistance	500.00
Grant State Forest	400.00
Add'l Highway Subsidy	18,954.00
Soil Conservation	9,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	130,000.00
Dog Licenses	2,000.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	7,000.00
Fines & Forfeits, District Court	7,000.00
Rent of Town Property	2,100.00
Interest Received on Deposits	121,600.00

Income From Departments	12,000.00	
Income From Sewer Department	66,500.00	
Income From Water Department	81,665.00	
Surplus	20,000.00	
Sale of Town Property	8,000.00	
Sewer Assessments	10,000.00	
Federal Grants	15,000.00	
Centre Harbor Refuse Disposal Reimb.	14,000.00	
Misc. Income & Gifts	1,000.00	
Withdrawals From Capital Reserve Fund	2,000.00	
Revenue Sharing Funds	61,300.00	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		809,883.27
Net Town Appropriations		\$1,214,625.62
Net School Appropriations		1,795,064.39
Net County Appropriations		397,986.00
Total Net Appropriations		3,407,676.01
Less Business Profits Tax		98,914.00
Add War Service Tax Credits		24,850.00
Add Overlay		14,225.66
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$3,347,837.67
Valuation: 68,744,100.00 x .04870 equals 3,347,837.67		

Schedule Of Town Property

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	242,000
Furniture and Equipment	65,000
Libraries, Land and Buildings	150,000
Furniture and Equipment	100,000
Police Department, Equipment	50,000
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	174,400
Equipment	200,000
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	140,000
Equipment	225,000
Materials and Supplies	12,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	475,000
Water Supply Facilities, if owned by Town	700,000
Sewer Plant and Facilities, if owned by Town	675,000
All Land & Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	29,300
Refuse Disposal Facility	252,000
	3,489,700

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

GENERAL FUND Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1981

	Approp. Forwarded	1981 Approp.	Refunds & Reimbur.	Total Available	1981 Expended	Unexpended Overdrafts ()	Encumbered
<i>General Government</i>	\$						\$
Town Officers Salaries		\$14,875.00	\$	\$14,875.00	\$15,560.73	\$(685.73)	
Town Officers Expense		\$145,088.00	517.53	145,605.53	149,152.48	(3,546.95)	
Election & Registration Expense		2,750.00		2,750.00	1,946.82	803.18	
District Court		1,000.00		1,000.00	716.39	283.61	
Town Hall & Other Buildings		34,296.00		34,296.00	36,203.01	(1,907.01)	
Reappraisal of Property		92,900.00		92,900.00	56,855.00		36,045.00
<i>Protection of Persons and Property</i>							
Police Department		198,441.00	9,360.40	207,801.40	194,953.31	12,848.09	
Fire Department							
Incl. Forest Fires		45,388.00		45,388.00	38,666.60	2,917.10	3,804.30
Care of Trees		100.00		100.00	380.00	(280.00)	
Planning & Zoning		29,591.00	1,132.25	30,723.25	25,960.49	4,762.76	
Insurance	853.74	57,200.00	1,393.84	59,447.58	58,210.41	1,237.17	
Conservation Commission	395.00	200.00		595.00	90.00		505.00
Fire Alarm - Day Care		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
<i>Health</i>							
Health Services		51,395.00		51,395.00	39,395.00		12,000.00
Refuse Disp.-Rubbish Rem.		83,350.00	522.50	83,872.50	87,088.97	(3,216.47)	
Skid Loader		20,000.00		20,000.00	15,644.10	4,355.90	

Highway & Bridges

Town Road Aid & Subsidy	45,768.53	4,947.56	45,768.53	42,948.72	2,819.81
Town Maintenance	301,200.00	306,147.56	306,147.56	297,786.57	8,360.99
Street Lighting	25,600.00	605.00	26,205.00	28,494.51	(2,289.51)
Gen. Expenses - Highway	87,212.00		87,212.00	101,094.08	(13,882.08)
Meredith Neck Rd.-Improve.	15,150.03		16,150.03		16,150.03
Center Line Survey	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	

Library

56,600.00

Public Welfare

Gen. Assist-OAA	675.14	381.79	27,056.93	24,244.38	2,812.55
Outside Services	12,851.00		12,851.00	12,851.00	
Patriotic Purposes	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,374.43	625.57

Recreation

Ballfield Repairs	1,103.35	5,507.66	62,181.01	63,978.73	(1,797.72)
			1,605.00	1,635.00	(30.00)

Public Service

Municipal Sewer-Water	148,165.00		148,165.00	148,165.00	
Cemeteries	2,000.00		25,200.00	24,000.00	1,200.00
Hydrant Rental	18,300.00		18,300.00	18,300.00	
Water Study	3,500.00		3,500.00	443.56	3,056.44
Sewer Extension	6,500.00	7,843.00	14,343.00	36,839.85	(22,496.85)

Unclassified

Damages & Legal Expenses	275.00		14,625.00	18,585.63	(3,960.63)
Adv. Regional Assoc.			4,159.36	4,159.36	
Employee Benefits		5,076.68	106,476.68	106,372.95	(465.79)
Interdepartmental transfers		1,636,447.33	1,636,447.33	1,636,447.33	
Grants			15,000.00		15,000.00

Debt Service

Principal - Notes	44,500.00		44,500.00	44,500.00	
Interest - Notes	15,515.00		15,515.00	15,515.39	(.39)

Interest - TAN	1,366.75	121,600.00	3,221.25	121,600.00	97,698.00	23,902.00	1,824.25
Yield Tax Deposits				4,588.00	2,763.75		
<i>Capital Outlay</i>							
Highway Trucks & Equip.	247.05	11,000.00		11,247.05	10,647.05	600.00	
Police Cruiser & Radio		15,800.00		15,800.00	15,349.20	450.80	
Master Plan Update	3,611.00	9,039.00		12,650.00	7,080.00		5,570.00
Winnepesaukee River Basin		21,000.00		21,000.00			21,000.00
Soil Conservation-Leavitt Pk		5,000.00		5,000.00	2,045.13		2,954.87
Capital Reserve		43,000.00		43,000.00	43,000.00		
Highway-Misc.	2,012.38			2,012.38	2,012.38		
Bounding Roads	350.00			350.00	350.00		
Refuse Disposal-Cap. Impr.	3,512.21			3,512.21	3,512.21		1,306.22
Water System Analysis	2,595.21			2,595.21	1,288.99		2,492.00
Hesky Pk-Rec. Impr.			2,492.00	2,492.00			4,590.00
Private Septic System	4,910.00			4,910.00	320.00		
Tax Maps	630.00			630.00	630.00		
Sewer Facility Plan	5,000.00			5,000.00	5,000.00		
Con. Serv.-Sanbornston	500.00			500.00	500.00		
Sewer Evaluation Survey	50,000.00			50,000.00			50,000.00
Meredith Center Park Imp.	5,000.00			5,000.00	2,807.84		2,192.16
Office Equipment		6,500.00		6,500.00	4,867.00	1,633.00	
TOTAL TOWN							
APPROPRIATIONS	100,186.86	2,024,508.89	1,679,448.79	3,804,144.54	3,610,031.35	28,853.40	165,259.79
<i>Payments to other</i>							
<i>Government Units</i>							
County Tax		397,986.00		397,986.00	397,986.00		
School District Tax	741,728.60	1,795,064.39		2,536,792.99	1,570,414.56	3,000.00	963,377.43
Overlay-Refund		14,226.00	2,253.71	16,479.71	5,222.44	(2,609.16)	
Book Abatements					13,866.43		
GRAND TOTALS	\$841,915.46	\$4,231,785.28	\$1,681,702.50	\$6,755,403.24	\$5,597,521.78	\$29,244.24	1,128,637.22

Comparative Statement of Revenues and Budget Summary

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1981

SOURCE	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	EXCESS DEFICIT ()
TAXES:			
Current year			
Property	\$3,325,987.67	\$3,340,754.01	\$14,766.34
Resident	31,630.00	32,130.20	500.20
National Bank Stock Tax	100.00	69.90	(30.10)
Yield Tax	17,000.00	8,020.25	(8,979.75)
Land Use Change Tax	9,000.00	10,942.78	1,942.78
Boat Tax	10,673.00	11,347.78	674.78
Interest-Penalties-Taxes	20,191.00	24,136.93	3,945.93
Prior Years			
Resident		460.00	460.00
FROM STATE of			
NEW HAMPSHIRE			
Meal & Rooms	19,298.46	19,298.46	-0-
Interest & Dividends	50,262.91	50,262.91	-0-
Savings Bank Tax	28,277.25	28,277.25	-0-
Highway Subsidy	17,518.00	17,643.88	125.88
Town Road Aid	11,514.42	11,514.42	-0-
Water Pollution Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-
Reim.-Federal-State	1,250.00	812.54	(437.46)
Railroad Tax	49.23	49.23	-0-
Add'l Highway Subsidy	18,954.00	18,776.06	(177.94)
Soil Conservation	9,000.00	9,000.00	-0-
FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			
Federal Grants	15,000.00	-0-	(15,000.00)
Revenue Sharing	61,300.00	68,800.00	7,500.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES			
Motor Vehicle Fees	130,000.00	140,212.50	10,212.50
Dog Licenses	2,000.00	1,980.35	(19.65)

Business Licenses	7,000.00	6,964.30	(35.70)
Fines, District Court	7,000.00	10,256.00	3,256.00
Surplus	20,000.00	20,000.00	-0-
Rent, Town Property	2,100.00	2,228.25	128.25
Interest Deposits	121,600.00	61,100.54	(60,499.46)
Income from Departments	12,000.00	14,679.40	2,679.40
Water & Sewer Departments	148,165.00	148,165.00	-0-
Sewer Assessments	10,000.00	8,321.15	(1,678.85)
Centre Harbor			
Refuse Contract	14,000.00	17,208.17	3,208.17
Sale-Town Property	8,000.00	12,744.50	4,744.50
W-D - Capital Reserve	2,000.00	3,058.21	1,058.21
Miscellaneous Income	1,000.00	4,634.73	3,634.73
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Sub Totals	4,132,870.94	4,104,849.70	(28,021.24)
Business Profits Tax	98,914.28	98,914.28	-0-
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,231,785.22	\$4,203,763.98	\$(28,021.24)

BUDGET SUMMARY

Estimated Revenues	\$4,231,785.22
Actual Revenues	4,203,763.98
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Revenue Deficit	(28,021.24)
Appropriation - Unexpended Balance	29,244.24
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NET BUDGET SURPLUS	\$1,223.00

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES For the Year Ended December 31, 1981

Unreserved Fund Balance 12-31-80	\$69,793.00	
Add - 1981 Budget Surplus	1,223.00	
Deduct - Reduction Used for Tax Rate	20,000.00	
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Unreserved Fund Balance, 12-31-81		\$51,016.00

Long-Term Indebtedness

Comparative Balance Sheets As of December 31, 1980 - December 31, 1981

ASSETS	December 31, 1980	December 31, 1981
Amounts to be provided for Retirement of Long-Term Debt:		
General Fund	320,500	276,000
Water Fund	8,000	4,000
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	328,500	280,000
 LIABILITIES		
Long-Term Notes:		
Sewer Connection Notes: 1971-1981	8,000	
Water Notes: 1972-1982	8,000	4,000
Sewer Extension Notes	4,500	3,000
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	20,500	7,000
 Bonds Outstanding		
Water Bonds 1968	80,000	70,000
Refuse Disposal Bonds 1977	170,000	160,000
Accelerated TRA Bonds	58,000	43,000
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	308,000	273,000
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 TOTAL LIABILITIES	328,500	280,000

Trust and Agency Funds

TOWN OF MEREDITH Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 1980

	Town Trust Funds	Capital Reserve Funds	Totals Dec. 31, 1980
<i>ASSETS</i>			
Cash	\$ 33,786	\$ 92,748	\$126,534
Investments, At Cost	15,272		15,272
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 49,058	\$ 92,748	\$ 141,806
<i>LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES</i>			
<i>Liabilities</i>			
Due To Other Funds	\$	\$ 1,495	\$ 1,495
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Total Liabilities		1,495	1,495
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<i>Fund Balances</i>			
Reserved For Endowments	42,055		42,055
Unreserved			
Designated For			
Capital Acquisitions		91,253	91,253
Designated For Trust Purposes	7,003		7,003
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Total Fund Balances	49,058	91,253	140,311
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 49,058	\$ 92,748	\$141,806

**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances
All Trust Funds
For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1980**

	—Trust Funds—		Capital	Dec. 31
	Expend- able	Nonex- pendable	Reserve Funds	1980
Revenues				
New Funds	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interest and Dividend Income	4,480		2,883	7,363
Other Financing Sources				
Interfund Transfers			38,000	38,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	4,480		40,883	45,363
Expenditures				
Cemetery	1,167			1,167
Other	55			55
Other Uses				
Interfund Transfers	2,659		1,495	4,154
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	3,881		1,495	5,376
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	599		39,388	39,987
Fund Balances - January 1	6,404	42,055	51,865	100,324
Fund Balances - December 31	\$ 7,003	\$ 42,055	\$ 91,253	\$140,311

Comparative Balance Sheet

GENERAL FUND
Town of Meredith
December 31, 1980 - December 31, 1979

<i>ASSETS</i>	Dec. 31, 1980	Dec. 31, 1979
Cash	317,254	384,705
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Taxes	525,470	458,927
Due From Other Governments	2,195	4,163
Due From Other Funds	14,605	103,539
OTHER	3,292	6,276
CAPITAL RESERVE	91,253	51,864
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/> 954,069	<hr/> 1,009,474
<i>LIABILITIES</i>		
Accounts Payable	4,385	5,208
School Tax Payable	471,728	751,598
Due-Government Units, Other	581	2,884
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,367	2,572
Due Other Funds	5,000	
	<hr/> 753,061	<hr/> 762,262
<i>FUND BALANCES</i>		
Reserved for Encumbrances	39,782	64,807
Designated for Capital Expend.	91,253	51,864
Undesignated Fund Balances	69,973	130,541
	<hr/> 201,008	<hr/> 247,212
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	<hr/> 954,069	<hr/> 1,009,474

**Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1980**

Unreserved Fund Balance		
January 1, 1980		130,541
Add 1980 Actual Revenues	3,463,507	
Reduce 1980 Tax Rate	50,000	
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	3,513,507	
1980 Actual Appropriations	3,574,225	(60,748)
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Unreserved Fund Balance		
December 31, 1980		69,793

EARLY MEREDITH

In 1767, the proprietors of Meredith (then New Salem) offered 250 acres of land to the first white child born in the town. Thamor Eaton (a girl) was born March 11, 1767; Daniel Smith was born July 4, 1767. The Smith parents contended that the land should go to the first male child. In the end, Thamor was given 50 acres and Daniel 200 acres.

1782 Town Meeting Warrant and the Minutes

State of New Hampshire
Strafford SS

These are to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Meredith who are Legal Voters in town affairs to meet and assemble themselves together at the dwelling house of Eben'r Smith Esq'r on Monday the first day of April Next at Nine O'clock in the morning for the following purposes, Viz

1 ly to Choose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2 ly to Choose a Town Clerk Selectmen Constable and all other Town officers necessary to be Chosen on said day

3 ly to See what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to be Laid out in schooling for the current year and for the necessary Town charges for the current year

fourthly to See what some of money the Town will Raise for making & Repairing highways in Said Town the current year

fifthly to See if the Town will Vote to Layout a highway from the Road that leads from the Province Road to Thomas Crosbies land to Jonathan Crosbies land and to Vote in or about the Premises as the Town shall see fit when meet

Sixthly to See if the Town will vote to Layout a Road to Nath'el Wadleigh land where they shall think best and Vote in or about said premises as they shall see fit when meet

Seventhly to pass any Vote or Votes that shall be thought best to be passed Relative to Town affairs when meet

Given under our hands at Meredith this 13th day of March A.D. 1782

John Gilman
Joseph Roberts
Selectmen of Meredith

At the annual town meeting holden at the Meredith dwelling house of

Eben'r Smith Esq'r on Monday the first day of April 1782 pursuant to warning

firstly Voted Mr. John Folsham moderator

secondly Voted Eben'r Smith Esq'r Town Clerk

thirdly Voted to allow Eben'r Smith Interest to the amount of Six Silver Dollars for money he advanced for the Town in the year 1780 to purchase beef

fourthly Voted Eben'r Smith Esq'r Elias Philbrick & Isaac Farrar Selectmen & Sworn

fifthly Voted Ebenezer Pitman Constable and that he have three pence on the pound for collecting & sworn

Sixthly Voted to adjourn this meeting for one houre and then to meet at the same place met again according to adjourning

Seventhly Voted Abraham Swain & Benjamin Peas assessors and sworn

Eighthly Voted John Wadleigh Jacob Eaton & Jonathan Edgerly Tythingmen & sworn.

Ninthly Voted Gideon Robinson Jacob Eaton Chas Robinson & William Pike Surveyors of highway & sworn then John Kimble was also choosen Surveyor of ways in the Room of Benj'a Mead who refused to take the oath of fidelity to this & the United States of America said Kimble was sworn.

Tenthly Voted Samuel Spiller Thomas Crosbie & John Dockham haywards or field drivers sworn

Eleventhly Vote Reuben Marston pound keeper

Twelfthly Voted Mr. Moses Senter Benjamin Peas & Lt. James Nicols be auditors

----the third article the warning Voted Not to Raise any money for schooling the current year

the fourth article in the warning Voted Raise so much money for the making and repairing highways the current year as shall make three days work on the single poll and all other rateable estate to the highway in said

town in the same proportion to be paid in Labour at three shillings per day and those that did work on the roads last year to be allowed the same out of their Highway Rates and the Selectmen shall allow the same accordingly — also Voted to Rais fifteen pounds for the expenses of said Town the current year

fifth article in the warning Voted that the Selectmen open a road to Jonathan Crosbies land

sixth article in the warning Voted that the Selectmen Layout a road to Nath'l Wadleighs land where they shall think best

seventh article in the warning Vote that the Selectmen abate those that lost cattle or horses Last year after their Inventory was taken for such creatures in the Rates and Chase Robinson for one horse.

then Voted to Dissolve the meeting and the meeting was accordingly dissolved

Attest Ebenezer Smith Town Clerk
Truly Recorded Attest Eben'r Smith Town Clerk

Town Of Meredith

1982 Warrant

And Budget

1982 Budget

(Including 1981-1982 Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Revenues

	1981 Approp.	1981 Expended	1982 Oper. Budget	1982 Spec. Art.	1982 Rev. Shar.
Town Officers' Salaries	\$14,875.00	\$15,560.73	\$16,200.00	\$	\$
Town Officers' Expense	145,088.00	148,634.95	156,422.00		
Election & Registration	2,750.00	1,946.82	4,700.00		
District Court	1,000.00	716.39	500.00		
Town Hall-Building & Grounds	34,296.00	36,203.01	34,600.00		
Employee Ret. FICA, etc.	101,400.00	101,865.79	121,727.00		
Police Department	198,441.00	185,592.91	226,575.00		
Fire Department	45,388.00	42,470.90	50,150.00		
Care of Trees	100.00	380.00	900.00	16,500.00	
Insurance	57,200.00	55,962.83	53,350.00		
Planning & Zoning	29,791.00	25,028.24	38,458.00		
Damages & Legal Expenses	14,350.00	18,310.63	24,875.00		
Civil Defense	-0-	-0-	150.00		
Health Department	51,395.00	51,395.00	18,435.00	35,000.00	
Refuse Disposal & Rubbish Rem.	83,350.00	86,566.47	96,701.00	4,000.00	
Town Road Maintenance	301,200.00	292,839.01	368,860.00		
Street Lighting	25,600.00	27,889.51	31,600.00		
General Expenses - Highway	87,212.00	101,094.08	94,050.00		
Town Road Aid	46,768.53	43,948.72	40,607.18	7,000.00	
Libraries	56,600.00	56,600.00	59,865.00		
Public Welfare	38,851.00	34,688.17	30,000.00	19,605.75	

Patriotic Purposes	4,000.00	3,374.43	-0-	4,000.00
Recreation	55,570.00	57,367.72	60,679.00	8,000.06
Municipal Water Department	81,665.00	81,665.00	98,465.00	
Hydrant Rental	18,300.00	18,300.00	18,300.00	
Cemeteries	23,200.00	23,200.00	25,385.00	
Sewer Department	66,500.00	66,500.00	87,421.00	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	4,159.36	4,159.36	-0-	4,159.36
Principal, Bond & Notes	44,500.00	44,500.00	36,500.00	
Interest, Bond & Notes	15,515.00	15,515.39	13,412.00	
Interest, TAN	121,600.00	97,698.00	125,000.00	
Revaluation	92,900.00	92,900.00	-0-	
Capital Outlay	102,944.00	118,431.15	-0-	226,500.00
Capital Reserve	43,000.00	43,000.00	-0-	61,000.00
Federal & State Funds	15,000.00	-0-	-0-	
TOTAL	\$2,024,508.89	\$1,994,305.21	\$1,933,907.18	\$385,765.11
				\$105,000.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	1981 Estimated	1981 Actual	1982 Estimated
FROM STATE SOURCES			
Meals & Rooms Tax	\$19,298.46	\$19,298.46	\$9,649.23
Interest & Dividends Tax	50,262.91	50,262.91	25,131.00

Savings Bank Tax	28,277.25	28,277.25	28,000.00
Highway Subsidy	36,472.00	36,419.94	38,888.46
Railroad Tax	49.23	49.23	49.00
Town Road Aid	11,514.42	11,514.42	11,458.16
State Aid Water Pollution Project	1,000.00	1,000.00	960.00
Reimb. State Federal Forest Land	650.00	812.54	650.00
Forest Fires	100.00	-0-	100.00
OAA	500.00	-0-	-0-
Total State Sources	\$148,124.27	\$147,634.75	\$114,785.85

FROM LOCAL SOURCES

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	130,000.00	140,212.50	138,000.00
Dog Licenses	2,000.00	1,980.35	1,900.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Fees	7,000.00	6,964.30	7,000.00
District Court	7,000.00	10,256.00	10,000.00
Income from Departments	12,000.00	14,679.40	12,000.00
Rent of Town Property	2,100.00	2,228.25	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,000.00	4,634.73	1,000.00
Interest on Deposits	121,600.00	61,100.54	65,000.00
Sale of Town Property	8,000.00	12,744.50	5,000.00
Sewer Assessment	10,000.00	8,321.15	7,000.00
Centre Harbor Refuse Disp. Contract	14,000.00	17,208.17	15,000.00
Income-Water & Sewer Departments	148,165.00	148,165.00	185,886.00
Income-Capital Reserve	2,000.00	3,058.21	2,000.00
Water Project	-0-	-0-	91,000.00
Resident Taxes	31,821.00	32,590.20	31,000.00
National Bank Stock Tax	100.00	69.90	60.00

Yield Taxes	17,000.00	8,020.25	6,000.00
Interest, Penalties - Taxes	20,000.00	21,136.93	24,000.00
Inventory Penalties	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Boat Taxes	10,673.00	11,347.78	11,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	9,000.00	10,942.78	9,000.00

Total Local Income	556,459.00	518,660.94	626,846.00
SURPLUS	20,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00

FROM FEDERAL SOURCES

Federal Grants	15,000.00	-0-	-0-
Soil Conservation - Fed. Grants	9,000.00	9,000.00	2,000.00
Revenue Sharing	61,300.00	68,800.00	105,000.00

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TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE	85,300.00	77,800.00	107,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES			
EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$809,883.27	\$764,095.69	\$858,631.85

Amount to be raised by
Property Taxes

1,566,040.44

Total Town Revenues

\$2,424,672.29

Meredith Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

**To the Inhabitants of Meredith
Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at St. Charles Church Auditorium, Route 3, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next, March 9, 1982 from 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. for the casting of ballots; and at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, March 10, 1982 at the Robert Pottle Memorial Auditorium in the Inter-Lakes High School in said Town, to act on the following articles:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON

ARTICLE 1

To bring in your ballots for one Selectman for three years; one Moderator for two years; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; and one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years.

ARTICLE 2

To choose other necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with minimum acreage required for Cluster Development in the Forestry and Rural Zone as discussed at Public Hearings held December 22, 1981 and January 28, 1982; the purpose of said amendment being to conserve open space?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board reducing the net density requirements for Cluster Development with Class 1, 2, and 3 utilities in the Residential Zone as discussed at Public Hearings held December 22, 1981 and January 28, 1982; the purpose of said amendment being to eliminate discrimination against Cluster Housing?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Town Zoning

Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with Home Occupations as discussed at Public Hearings held December 22, 1981 and January 28, 1982; the purpose of said amendment being to establish more definite criteria for the establishment of home occupations?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with adding a Definition of "studios" as discussed at Public Hearings held December 22, 1981 and January 28, 1982; the purpose of said amendment being to define "studios"?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with Off Street Parking Regulations for Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Uses as discussed at Public Hearings held December 22, 1981 and January 28, 1982; the purpose of said amendment being to provide more adequate parking areas?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with making all terminology consistent within the Ordinance as discussed at Public Hearings on December 22, 1981 and January 28, 1982; the purpose of said amendment creates consistent terminology throughout the Zoning Ordinance?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with renumbering Articles and sub-paragraphs as necessary within the Ordinance as discussed at Public Hearings held December 22, 1981 and January 28, 1982; said amendment provides better organization of the Zoning Ordinance?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by petition of the voters for this town having to do

with changing the zone where the Etcetera Shop and Family Affair buildings are located from Residential District to Commercial District? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with (a) establishing and defining the boundaries of a Business and Industry District and District Regulations and (b) the general purposes, permitted uses, special exceptions, and minimum standards as discussed at Public Hearings on December 22, 1981 and February 5, 1982; the purpose of said amendment being (1) to create a Business and Industry District which will separate light industry uses from commercial uses and establish a suitable area for light industry and certain business uses and (2) establish criteria for this District?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with (a) establishing and defining the boundaries of a Commercial District and District Regulations and (b) the general purposes, permitted uses, special exceptions, and minimum standards as discussed at Public Hearings on December 22, 1981 and February 5, 1982; the purposes of said amendment being (1) to create a Commercial District to prevent future light industrial uses, (2) establish criteria for this District and (3) protect certain residential areas from commercial development?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with establishing and defining the boundaries of a Seasonal Commercial District (the general purposes, permitted uses, special exceptions, and minimum standards of the present Commercial-Light Industrial District will still be in effect) as discussed at Public Hearings on December 22, 1981 and February 5, 1982; the purposes of said amendment being to create a Seasonal Commercial District?

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 14

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board having to do with

Special Exceptions as discussed at Public Hearings on December 22, 1981 and February 5, 1982; the purpose of said amendment being to clearly define the criteria for the granting of a Special Exception?

(YES:) (NO:)

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes such sums as are necessary for the operation of the Town and to set the rates, effect the issuance of notes; and to otherwise negotiate for the sale of notes to be paid within the present fiscal year.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to continue the full-time position of Recreation Director.
(By Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the forthcoming year.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Manager to apply for, negotiate, and do all other things necessary to obtain such State and Federal funds that may become available throughout the year and expend same.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and transfer title to all real estate taken by the Town in default of redemption from any Tax Sale to such person and upon such conditions as they shall see fit.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars from the General Revenue Sharing Fund for the purpose of purchasing a Tractor for maintenance use for Building and Grounds Department and Parks and Recreation Department.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty-Six

Thousand (\$36,000) Dollars from the General Revenue Sharing Fund for the purpose of purchasing a Snowblower for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand (\$14,000) Dollars from the General Revenue Sharing Fund for the purpose of purchasing Equipment for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty-One Thousand (\$21,000) Dollars from the General Revenue Sharing Fund for the purpose of paying Meredith's share of the Winnepesaukee River Basin Capital Costs.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand (\$24,000) Dollars from the General Revenue Sharing Fund as an initial payment on the purchase of a Computer.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars for the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund as authorized by the Revised Statutes, Annotated 35:1, 35:18.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars for a Refuse Disposal Capital Reserve Fund as authorized by Revised Statutes Annotated 35:1, 35:18, and to authorize the Selectmen to expend such amounts as may be necessary in major repairs as required.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve Fund as authorized by Revised Statutes Annotated 35:1, 35:18.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars to establish a Parks & Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund as authorized by RSA 35:1 and 35:18.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars to conduct an Analysis of the Ash from the

Incinerator for determination of suitability for use as cover material at the "Old Dump", and to determine the capability of the present Dump site for expansion through soil borings and other appropriate tests.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars for the purpose of completing reconstruction of segments of Old Hubbard Road.

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand (\$7,000) Dollars for Improvements to Meredith Neck Road under the State Aid Reconstruction Program provided that the State of New Hampshire appropriates Fourteen Thousand (\$14,000) Dollars.

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars for the purpose of perambulating the boundaries of the Town of Meredith as required by N.H. RSA 51:2.

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand (\$45,000) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a truck for the Highway Department, including radio, plus assembly, reconstruction and installation of additional equipment.

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to purchase Miscellaneous Capital Equipment for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract for Emergency Ambulance Service rendered in the Town of Meredith, and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Twenty-One Thousand (\$21,000) Dollars.

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-One Thousand (\$91,000) to construct a Water Main Project for the Reservoir Road, provided said sum is reimbursed in full by one or more benefiting property owners.

ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to

purchase the so-called Greemore Bakery Property on Route 3 at a cost of Forty-Five Thousand (\$45,000) Dollars.

ARTICLE 38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars for the purchase and placement of maintenance free Siding and other exterior improvements on the Ralph "Pa" Smith Recreation Building at Prescott Park.

ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to raise and apporpriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars for safety and general improvements to Meredith Center Park.

ARTICLE 40

To see if the Selectmen will be authorized to serve as the franchising authority for the Town of Meredith pursuant to RSA 53:C:1 for the construction and operation of one or more Cable Television Systems in the Town of Meredith.

ARTICLE 41

Shall the Citizens of Meredith, N.H. ask members of the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to support or co-sponsor a resolution in the U.S. Congress to:

Request the President of the United States to propose to the Soviet Union that the United States and the Soviet Union adopt a mutual freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons, with verification safeguards satisfactory to both countries.

(By Petition)

ARTICLE 42

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its yearly appropriation, said funds to be placed in a special Conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36:A:5.

ARTICLE 43

To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to enable the Town of Meredith to put any Private Sewage System in disrepair back in a proper sanitary condition in accordance with RSA 147:17-a.

ARTICLE 44

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars for the purchase of necessary equipment for the Lakes Region General Hospital.

(By request of the Lakes Region General Hospital for an unspecified amount)

ARTICLE 45

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand, Seven Hundred, Ninety-Five (\$10,795) Dollars for the continuation of services to low-income and elderly residents of Meredith thru the Meredith Area Center, Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

(By request of Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.)

ARTICLE 46

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars to help support the Lakes Region Family Services.

(By request of the Lakes Region Family Services)

ARTICLE 47

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred, Ten (\$8,810) Dollars and 75 (75c) Cents to maintain and continue the system of services of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center.

(By request of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center)

ARTICLE 48

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine (\$1,659) Dollars and Thirty-Six (36c) Cents to the Lakes Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages, as well as preservation of the natural resources of the Town, in cooperation with other Towns in the Lakes Region.

(By request of the Lakes Region Association)

ARTICLE 49

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars towards the expenses of operating the information booth.

(By request of the Chamber of Commerce)

ARTICLE 50

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars for the purpose of establishing a Community Events account:

Fourth of July Celebration	\$2,500.
Patriotic Ceremonies	500.
Old Home Days	1,000.

ARTICLE 51

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law, New Hampshire RSA 32.

(By Petition)

(YES:) (NO:)

ARTICLE 52

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint six citizens of the Town, as provided in RSA 32:2 to serve on the Budget Committee. (This article will only be necessary if the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law are adopted.)

(By petition)

ARTICLE 53

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town right-of-way through the land of the City Missionary Society (Camps Andover-Waldron) 1981 Tax Map Location R15-8. Said Road will become a private way upon favorable vote. RSA 238.

ARTICLE 54

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred (\$16,500) Dollars for the control of the Gypsy Moth Larvae in 1982. The areas receiving treatment are to be established by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with State Personnel and individual property owners.

ARTICLE 55

To see if the Town will vote for improvements to Eaton Avenue and Spindle Point Road.

(By Petition)

ARTICLE 56

To see if the Town will vote to authorize prepayment of Resident taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments as provided by RSA 80:1-a.

ARTICLE 57

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to defray the cost of the next phase of a study for the feasibility of conventional groundwater and-or so-called fractured bedrock water supplies within the Town of Meredith.

ARTICLE 58

To see if the Town will vote to abandon that portion of Old Route 104 lying westerly of the junction of Cotton Hill Road with N.H. Route 104, being more specifically described as a parcel of land 5,355 square feet in area and

being all that portion of Old Route 104 lying more than 75 feet north of the centerline of N.H. Route 104 from STA 338 + 53.66 to STA 340 + 27.54 and more than 25 feet westerly of the centerline of Cotton Hill Road.

ARTICLE 59

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Clyde D. Prince and Mary M. Prince the area marked Parcel "B" with a 25-foot frontage on Old Route 104 in exchange for Clyde D. Prince and Mary M. Prince conveying to the Town the area marked Parcel "A" with an approximate 264 foot frontage on the same road as shown on "Plan showing land of Mary M. Prince and Clyde D. Prince, dated May 1972."

(By petition)

STEPHEN H. NEDEAU, Chairman
LAWRENCE E. SWAIN
JOHN DEVER, JR.
Selectmen, Town of Meredith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd Day of February, 1982.

CAROL L. DAVIS, NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires 12-9-86

Received and Recorded this 22nd Day of February, 1982.

PAULINE L. FOURNIER, TOWN CLERK

We hereby certify that on this date, the twenty-second day of February 1982, we caused to be placed an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting specified, and a like copy at the Inter-Lakes High School, BankEast, the Meredith Village Savings Bank, the Meredith Bank & Trust Company, public places in said Town. We also caused to be placed a true copy at the Office of the Town Clerk, Meredith, New Hampshire.

STEPHEN H. NEDEAU, Chairman
LAWRENCE E. SWAIN
JOHN DEVER, JR.
SELECTMEN, TOWN OF MEREDITH

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TOWN OF MEREDITH

Emergency Calls

TO REPORT FIRES

524-1545

Other Emergency Numbers

DOCTORS

HOSPITALS

AMBULANCES

Inter-Lakes Medical Center (Dr. Thomas Nadeau)	279-4587
Dr. Jay Vazifdar	279-8151
Lakes Region General Hospital	524-3211
Kemp-Symonds Ambulance	279-4431
Stewart's Medical Transport	279-5901

POISON INFORMATION CENTER

Hanover	1-643-4000
Boston	1-617-232-2120

POLICE — FIRE OFFICIALS

Meredith Police Department	279-4530
State Police (Moultonboro)	476-5582
State Police (Concord)	1-800-852-3411
Forest Fire Warden (Burning Permits)	279-4507
Civil Defense Director	279-8487

